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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

FEATURING RICH DeSCENZO

Microbiology Leader / Consultant, ETS Laboratories

"Volatile Acidity: Friend or Foe?"



Richard DeScenzo is the Microbiology Group Leader for ETS Labs and a member of the Leadership Team. Rich received his Masters in Plant Pathology and Ph.D. in Plant Biology at the University of New Hampshire, and conducted his postdoctoral studies on disease resistance genes in barley with the USDA/ARS at Iowa State University. He spent 10 years conducting research on grape genomics, development of molecular diagnostics, and fermentation monitoring in the wine industry.

Dr. DeScenzo joined ETS in January 2006, leading the Microbiology Group and guiding the development of the Scorpion Detection Kit. Most recently, Richard has focused on transitioning the Scorpions technology for use in the fuel ethanol market. In addition to developing improved diagnostics for the fermentation industry, Richard works with clients to help them understand their microbial fermentation problems, and develop monitoring programs to prevent future problems.

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