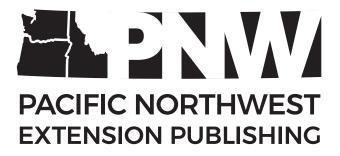
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Introduction

Vineyard establishment requires careful planning and implementation. This guide addresses factors that landowners need to consider before planting new vineyards in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. These initial decisions regarding land suitability and purchase, vineyard establishment, and marketing are key to the future success of a business. While this guide is primarily focused on the vineyard and grape production aspects of the industry, essential information regarding winery establishment is also included where issues for the two overlap.

This publication provides online links throughout the text to reputable information from state and national Extension programs and other local, regional, and federal organizations. If you are reading this guide on electronic media, accessing these links will take you directly to the corresponding website. If you are using this manual in hard copy form, please see the appendix for a numeric listing (corresponding to the endnotes) of website addresses that can be consulted later.

Vineyard Economics

Vineyard establishment requires significant upfront investment, and it will take years before you will see a return on this investment. So that you are reasonably prepared for such an undertaking, it is important to create a thorough and well-defined business plan.

Developing a Business Plan

To develop a business plan, know the following: (i) the average sales price for the different grape cultivars at harvest, which may vary tremendously between different viticulture areas and over time with wine production trends (see the Status of the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho Wine Industries section); (ii) how the grapes will be marketed (see the Location and Marketing section); and (iii) whether value will be added to the grapes by producing wine or if they will simply be sold to a winery or processor. It is ideal to develop a contract with a winery or processor before establishing a vineyard, but this is not always easily done. Often winemakers or purchasers will determine what variety to plant

based on demand. The following resources are currently available to provide guidance in developing a vineyard business plan (see also the Financing section).

Northwest Grapes Cost-of-Production Calculators¹ provide a quick assessment of production costs, require little to no training before they can be used, and can be modified using specific production cost numbers.

Enterprise budgets² for wine grapes in Oregon are available from OSU Extension and University of Idaho (UI) Extension has a number of publications regarding the feasibility of growing wine grapes³. These publications provide economic scenarios at a snap shot in time and thus are subject to change based on cost of labor, use of mechanization, and changes in grape market. The information that changes less frequently is the details on vineyard inputs and labor hours required.

When planning, use these resources to guide you, but recognize that vineyard design decisions will impact the establishment costs and economic trajectory of a specific vineyard over time and a personalized farm business plan will be needed.

Status of the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho Wine Industries

The US Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) maintains annual production statistics for grapes from the two largest production regions in the United States: California and Washington. Limited information is available for other states. For information regarding grape cultivars being planted and harvested, current yields, prices per ton of harvested fruit, and winery production statistics, see the annual Grape Statistics Release for Washington State⁴ and Grape Statistics Release for Oregon State⁵. Be sure to read reports from prior years to better understand trends in vineyard production. We also recommend reaching out to the various grower organizations listed in Location and Marketing, as they often develop routine industry reports which can be used to judge the health of the local industry. University of Idaho Extension has a publication on the value of the industry⁶ to the state. State industry groups, such as those listed in the Location and Marketing section of this manual, also maintain data on their members' production statistics.

While national, regional, and local production statistics are a great way to see the current status of the grape industry, the key to a successful business is to have insight as to where the industry is going in the near and long term. Consult with potential buyers and statewide associations to understand future trends in production.

Financing

Research the availability of financing before making a commitment to buy land or establish a vineyard. The programs discussed below are designed to help find alternative funding sources; however, meeting with a local banker to discuss small business loan options is essential.

University Programs for Agriculture Business Development

When starting a business enterprise, there is great expense in establishment. For more information on finding funding sources for any size farm, see the OSU Small Farms Program⁷, WSU Small Farms Program⁸, or the UI Small Acreages and Local Food⁹.

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource and Conservation Services (USDA NRCS)

USDA NRCS partners with private landowners and managers to conserve soil, water, and other natural resources. Of particular interest to prospective wine grape growers is the Environmental Quality Enhancement Program (EQIP), which is a voluntary conservation program for farmers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. The EQIP offers financial and technical assistance to eligible participants so that they may implement conservation management practices on eligible agricultural land. Participation in these programs is voluntary, but the use of a laboratory that is currently accredited by the North American Proficiency Testing Program¹⁰ for soil and tissue analyses is required. More information can be obtained for your state program in Oregon¹¹, Washington¹², or Idaho¹³.

Location and Marketing

American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) are geographically unique grape-growing regions recognized by the US Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) under the Code of Federal Regulations Title 27, Part 9. To determine AVA boundaries, search specific appellations on the TTB website¹⁴. Maps of AVAs are also available by contacting the US Geological Survey¹⁵ (1-800-HELP-MAP). Each area is characterized by specific growing conditions that affect grape or wine quality and differentiate cultivars from those grown in other areas. Locating a vineyard within a given AVA can improve grape marketing to wineries and provide benefits when selling wine.

For additional information on marketing, status of the industry, connections to other state agencies of interest,

fee structures associated with membership in regional grower groups, and state taxation, contact the following organizations:

• Oregon Wine Board (OWB)16

The OWB is a semi-independent state agency that manages marketing, research, and education initiatives that support the Oregon wine grape industry. The OWB is appointed by the governor and works on behalf of all Oregon wineries and independent growers throughout the state's diverse winegrowing regions. All industry members in the state are members of this organization based on their payment of tonnage and production volume taxes that support the OWB.

• Oregon Winegrowers Association (OWA)¹⁷

The OWA is a voluntary membership-based organization that provides legislative and regulatory advocacy for the Oregon wine industry by presenting key issues for unified positive resolution before state and federal government agencies. To become an OWA member, individuals must have more than one acre of grapevines and/or serve as an owner, manager, or investor in a bonded winery in Oregon.



Growing quality grapes will not guarantee they are salable. Determine the market options before starting your vineyard.

Washington Winegrowers Association¹⁸

The WA Winegrowers advocates for the Washington wine industry by educating, promoting, representing, and unifying wine grape growers. The most important service to the membership is continuing education for a growing industry focused on premium quality. Membership includes vineyard and winery owners and suppliers.

• Washington Wine Industry Foundation (WWIF)¹⁹

The WWIF is a nonprofit organization that funds scholarships, educational events, outreach, and research for the Washington wine grape industry. It is funded through contributions and grants from individuals, organizations, and companies.

Washington State Wine Commission (WSWC)²⁰

The WSWC represents all licensed wineries and wine grape growers in the state of Washington. Funded almost entirely though grape and wine sales assessments, it is a government agency focused on raising awareness of Washington wines.

Washington State Grape Society²¹

The Washington State Grape Society is made up of growers, industry personnel, educators, and researchers whose goal is to promote the advancement of the grape industry in Washington. It provides scholarship opportunities for students in viticulture, workshops for growers, and advocacy for legislative activities related to the viticulture industry.

• Idaho Wine Commission (IWC)²²

The IWC (also called the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission) is an industry organization that provides marketing, promotion, and information resources in support of a more productive wine business climate in Idaho. With a small and growing industry, this organization focuses on marketing events, education, and research. It is funded by wine and grape tax assessments, and all vineyard and winery owners in the state are members.

Permits and Regulations

There are numerous rules and regulations for vineyard and winery businesses administered by federal, state, and local governments such as building and selling permits, establishment locations, and particulars on sales. Various legal components of the wine business vary by state, including the following: definitions of what constitutes a commercial winery, where you can establish a winery, where you may undertake sales, bonding, labeling of wines, and transportation of wines. The time

it takes to obtain a license can also vary drastically by state. Check with your state organization for details and assistance. For information about regulations that involve the farming aspects of vineyard establishment, such as water use and water rights, please see the Site Suitability section of this manual.

Federal

The US Department of the Interior **Bureau of Land Management** (BLM)²³ undertakes extensive land use planning through a collaborative approach with local, state, and tribal governments, the public, and stakeholder groups. They provide information on water laws and long-term use of public lands. The BLM is also responsible for managing all land status records. The **Oregon and Washington**²⁴ office is housed in Portland, Oregon, and the **Idaho**²⁵ office is in Boise, Idaho.

The US Department of Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)²⁶ collects alcohol excise taxes and ensures that these products are labeled, advertised, and marketed in accordance with the law. Their focus is on protecting consumers and federal revenue. The TTB issues licenses and permits for bonding, deferments, transfers, transportation, and labeling that may take six months or more to be granted.

State and Local

Oregon

Oregon State Legislature. The rules and regulations governing the minimum size of land for building a winery are contained in **Oregon Revised Statutes**²⁷. This statute defines the size of a winery in terms of gallons of wine produced as a function of the minimum acreage of a vineyard.

County zoning codes. Each county in Oregon has its own ordinances governing land use and siting of a winery in unincorporated areas. Apply directly to the local county planning committee for a conditional use permit to site a winery or a vineyard with a potential future winery.

City ordinances. Cities may have ordinances governing land use development within incorporated areas. Often, certain locations are identified for new commercial use within the city limits. Permit applications are available from planning committees.

Washington

Washington State Legislature. The laws governing and defining wine business operation in Washington State are contained within the Revised Code of Washington²⁸ under Alcohol Beverage Control and administered by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board²⁹. These rules and regulations define the following: what constitutes a domestic winery or a winery as a distributor and/or retailer of estate wine, off-premise

samples, domestic wine made into sparkling wine, and sales at qualifying farmers markets.

County zoning ordinances³⁰. Each county in Washington has rules and regulations governing local land use in unincorporated zones. Contact the county land use planning department directly, as counties have specific regulations that require a potential future winery outlet to apply for both a conditional use permit and a site plan review.

City ordinances³¹. Each city in Washington has ordinances governing their incorporated zones. Contact the city planning department for further information concerning siting of a prospective winery/sales outlet.

Idaho

Idaho State Legislature. The Idaho State Liquor Division³² regulates alcohol sales in the state of Idaho. The Idaho State Police³³ regulate alcohol licensing for establishments and have information regarding direct shipping of wine in Idaho.

County ordinances³⁴. The Idaho State Legislature, in Statutes, Title 23: Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 13: County Option Kitchen and Table Wine Act³⁵, provides an outline for county law governing winery sales and sampling. In addition, each county has specific codes and ordinances which should be consulted before starting any winery or vineyard operation in Idaho.

City ordinances³⁶. As with Oregon and Washington, understanding city ordinances in Idaho is critical if you plan to open a tasting room or operate a winery within city limits. Consult the city planning board for more information.

Eco-labeling Suitability and Requirements

Certifying a vineyard for "green" practices or eco-labeling wine may help distinguish a product and provide market advantage. It is important to consider these approaches prior to vineyard establishment, as there are some basic farming principles that will differ based on certifications. Most eco-labels are based on marketing to the consumer and/or a winery that has increasing environmental awareness and interests towards sustainability.

Eco-labeling is generally based on one to three of the pillars of sustainability (see the Sustainability sidebar). To help you determine what is involved with each type of eco-labeling, the sections below include symbols that represent which pillars they address. The discussion is limited to the more common farm certifications and eco-labels used in the Pacific Northwest.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is typically defined by how a practice impacts three defined pillars: the environment, economics, and social equality. The 1990 Farm Bill passed by Congress defined sustainable agriculture as "an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will, over the long term:

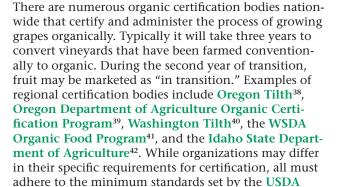
- · satisfy human food and fiber needs;
- enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agricultural economy depends;
- make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls;
- sustain the economic viability of farm operations; and
- enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole."

Sustainable symbols for this manual:

- Environmental
- **\$** Economic
- Social

Organic Certification (§)

National Organic Program⁴³.



International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control (IOBC)⁴⁴ (\$ \$ †

The IOBC promotes the use of sustainable, environmentally safe, economically feasible, and socially acceptable control methods of pests and diseases of agricultural

ECO-LABELS

Also known as "green labels" for use on wines to inform consumers about associated environmentally friendly growing practices. The practices are usually backed by certification programs which focus on low-input, organic, or biodynamic production and/or environmental stewardship. The Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN)³⁷ offers extensive information about types of eco-labels, their credibility, and impacts.

and forestry crops. This organization directs other certifying agencies throughout the United States and world, including LIVE (see below).

Salmon-Safe⁴⁵ (\$)

Salmon-Safe is a certifying organization dedicated to restoring and maintaining healthy watersheds in relationship to land use in both agricultural and urban settings throughout California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. The certification requires management practices that reduce storm water runoff and non-point source pollution, helping to protect Pacific Northwest salmon watersheds. The Salmon-Safe eco-label can be found on many diverse products throughout the Pacific Northwest. Salmon-Safe is one of the eco-labels that partners with other farming organizations such as LIVE, Sustainable WA, and Oregon Tilth.

Low Input Viticulture & Enology (LIVE)⁴⁶ (*) \$ †

LIVE is a nonprofit organization providing third party certification for vineyards using international standards of sustainable viticulture practices in wine grape production. They also certify wineries with standards in waste water management, carbon emissions, chemical use, and more. Vineyard and winery practices are based on a score system consisting of basic required practices, prohibited practices, and numerous ecological options. LIVE is an accredited member of the IOBC and Salmon-Safe.

Sustainable WA⁴⁷ (\$) \$ †

Sustainable WA is a certification standard built on science-based information for sustainable grape production. It is third-party certified, and requires annual improvement and growth plan for participating vineyards. The program was built by the Washington winegrape growing community, specifically for Washington winegrape vineyards.

Demeter USA (Biodynamic)48 💲 🕴

Demeter is the only biodynamic farming certification organization in the United States, and is part of the international Demeter organization. This certification program views the farm as a single living entity, and seeks to maintain farm longevity and ecosystem health by working with the natural rhythms of the environment, people, and animals that make up the whole system.

Food Alliance⁴⁹ (\$) |

This is a full system program that certifies farmers, processors, and distributors in North America. They focus on providing guidelines by which agricultural and food industry businesses can follow sustainable farming practices, provide safe and fair working conditions, practice humane treatment of animals, and embody environmental stewardship. Certified members are distributed throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. They also encompass a wide array of producers who are organic to conventional. This program is the result of an initial collaboration between OSU, WSU, and the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Global GAP (Good Agricultural Practice)⁵⁰ (\$) |

Global GAP is a private sector group that sets voluntary standards for the certification of agricultural products, primarily in the fresh market. It provides a practical manual for good agricultural practices which can be used anywhere in the world, and is designed to reassure consumers that food products were produced with minimal environmental impacts and a high standard for worker safety. This program consists of an equal partnership of agricultural producers and retailers working to establish efficient certification standards and procedures.

Regenerative Agriculture Certifications 💲 🕴

Regenerative agriculture is based on long-term sustainability with emphasis on the soil and ecosystem health. Many principles and practices of regenerative agriculture are shared in organic and biodynamic practices but may not be included in those certifications. Regenerative agriculture certification organizations inlcude: A Greener World⁵¹, Regenerative Organic Alliance⁵², and Regenified⁵³.

Site Suitability

Whether developing existing farmland or purchasing new land, there are a number of critical issues to consider regarding the suitability of growing grapes, including climate, topography, soil characteristics, water availability, and environmental impacts.



Many areas of the Pacific Northwest have picturesque views that are attractive for winery tasting rooms, but they may not be suitable for grape production. Consider the suitability of the land for vineyard production before establishing a vineyard.

Climate

Growing degree days

Season length (duration of frost free days) and accumulation of heat units or growing degree days (GDD) should be considered in selecting a site or grape cultivars for that site. Growing degree days are a measure of heat accumulated during the growing season, which generally runs from April 1 to October 31. A single growing degree day is calculated using the average daily temperature subtracted from a threshold (or base) temperature of $50^{\circ}F$ using the equation [($T_{max}-T_{min}$)/2]– $50^{\circ}F$. Seasonal GDD is calculated by summing the daily GDD from 1 April to 31 October.

A GDD calculator is available from OSU's Integrated Plant Protection Center (IPPC)⁵⁴, and GDD accumulation on an exact weather station⁵⁵ can be accessed on the IPPC's US degree-day mapping calculator. Washington State University also has seasonal updates on long-term GDD accumulation and current season GDD accumulation⁵⁶. These GDD reports are available for representative sites within all Washington AVAs. Station-specific GDD accumulations can be downloaded from AgWeatherNet (AWN)⁵⁷. Further information regarding historical GDD, seasonal and daily temperatures, precipitation, weather extremes, and other weather data may be obtained from various weather networks and databases that serve the Pacific Northwest:

- AgWeatherNet (WSU)⁵⁷
- Oregon Climate Summaries⁵⁸
- Oregon Climate Service⁵⁹
- Idaho Climate Services⁶⁰
- Agrimet Weather InfoNet (Pacific Northwest Cooperative Agricultural Weather Network)⁶¹

Grape cultivars differ in their GDD and season length requirements. The basic guide presented in Table 1 provides an outline to assess whether the climate is suitable for cool, warm, or hot climate grape cultivars. Remember that cool-season and cold-hardy are not synonymous. Cold-hardiness is the plant's ability to survive low temperature thresholds while dormant, while cool-season (or cool-climate) cultivars refer to those that ripen with a lower GDD accumulation.

Spring and fall frosts

Frost typically affects grapes in late spring and early fall. Spring frosts following budbreak can kill emerging shoots, whereas fall frosts can kill the vine canopy and completely stop fruit ripening. Depending on the site,

Table 1. Some examples of Vitis vinifera suitable for cool, warm, or hot climate locations. Cultivars listed in multiple categories indicate that they are versatile in growing requirements, but different wine styles and profiles will likely result from growing in different climate classifications.*

Climate	GDD (base 50°F)	Cultivar
1800–2000		Madeleine Angevine, Siegerrebe, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir (rosé), Meunier (rosé), Chasselas, Muscat Ottonel
Cool Climate	2000–2200	Pinot Noir, Dolcetto, Gamay, Meunier, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Verdelho, Green Veltliner, Riesling
Warm Climate	2200–3000	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Vigonier, Tempranillo, Petite Verdot, Malbec, Petite Sirah, Grenache, Cabernet Franc, Sangiovese
Hot Climate	>3000	raisin grapes, table grapes**

^{*}Table modified from Gladstones, J. 1992. Maturity Groupings of Wine Grape Varieties. Chapter 7 in *Viticulture and Environment*, pp. 66–67. Adelaide, Australia: Wine Titles. Cultivars listed are not inclusive of all available varieties suitable for each climate category.

^{**} Table grapes released from various US breeding programs are able to ripen in cooler climates. Examples include those from the University of Arkansas breeding program (Jupiter, Mars, Venus), American hybrid table grapes from Cornell University such as Himrod, and the Horticulture Research Institute of Ontario (Canada) variety Vanessa. For an additional list of table grape varieties, read *Growing Table Grapes*⁶⁵.

some form of frost protection may be needed to avoid these problems.

Winter freezes

Deep freezes (in the single digits or lower) in winter can kill buds and other above-ground parts of grapevines. This damage can vary dramatically depending on a number of factors. For more information concerning freeze protection, consult the Extension publications *Grapevine Training Systems for Managing Winter Cold Injury*⁶² and *Assessing and Managing Cold Damage in Washington Vineyards*⁶³, and WSU's website on grapevine cold hardiness⁶⁴.

Topography

An assessment of site topography is vital for design and establishment of a successful vineyard. Slope and aspect determine sunlight exposure patterns, day length, heat accumulation, air drainage, frost and freeze risk, the potential presence of a perched water table, and safe operation of equipment on hillsides.

Large bodies of water (e.g., lakes, reservoirs, rivers) can have a moderating influence on temperature fluctuations. If extreme low temperatures are routinely experienced in an area, consider locating a vineyard near a large body of water to buffer temperature extremes. Both the size of, and proximity to, a body of water will influence these moderating effects.

Soils

While certain soil types are critical to vineyard success, they are only a fraction of the complete soils picture that should be considered during the establishment phase. When choosing a vineyard site, avoid (i) sites with a perched or high water table, (ii) shallow soils and/or soils

with an impervious layer, (iii) soil depths less than 2 feet, areas with poor drainage, and (iv) soils that receive a negative recommendation after being submitted for analysis to an accredited laboratory¹⁰.

Soil types

The Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Web Soil Survey⁶⁶ website utilizes a comprehensive database of soils information to provide users with searchable, interactive soil maps. The website allows you to examine individual farms or parcels by address or GPS coordinates and obtain soil characteristics, slope, altitude, and more. While user manuals are provided within the online program, further assistance in using the website is available from your local or regional NRCS office. Printed soil maps may also be obtained from your local NRCS office.

Soil analysis

Before purchasing land for vineyard establishment, obtain a complete history of uses that may affect future plant growth and quality. Examples include crop production, pasture, USDA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) measures, and waste dumping. Pesticide (i.e., insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides) residues, heavy metal contamination, organic matter and pH should be assessed when you submit a soil sample for chemical and soil texture analysis.

Planting grapes in soils before any remaining pesticide, including herbicide, has broken down may result in debilitated plants or vine death. You need to be aware of any persistent herbicides (Table 2) that are likely to have been applied to fields used for wheat, peas, chickpeas, lima beans, soybeans, alfalfa, lentils, corn, clover, hay grass, ornamental horticulture crops, rangeland, Christmas tree farms, or forestry land.

Table 2. Active ingredients of herbicides with potential soil persistence. Some examples of common trade names registered for use on various crops in Oregon and Washington are given in parentheses. Caution: When in doubt, read the product label to determine the active ingredients.

Compound Class	Active Ingredients (Common Names)
Dinitroanilines	benefin (Balan); pendimethalin (Acumen, Pendant, Pendimax, Prowl, Pursuit, Stealth); trifluralin (Buckle, Treflan, Trlap, Trust)
Imidazolines	imazapyr (Arsenal, Lightning, Lineage); imazaquin (Scepter); imazethapyr (Pursuit)
Phenylureas	diuron (Direx, Diuron, Karmex); tebuthiuron (Spike)
Sulfonylureas	chlorsulfuron (Chisum, Chlormet, Cimarron, Finesse, Glean, Report, Telar); metsulfuron methyl (Accurate, Agility, Ally, Amtide, Canvas, Ciramet, Escort, Pasture, Plotter, Valuron); nicosulfuron (Accent, Clarion, Nicosh, Primero, Steadfast, Stout); primisulfuron (Beacon, Exceed, North Star, Spirit); sulfometuron methyl (Oust)
Triazines	atrazine (Bullet, Keystone); hexazinone (Velpar); simazine (Princep, Simazine)
Uracils	terbacil (Sinbar)
Plant growth regulators	clopyralid (Cody, Colt, Commando, Curtail, Cutback, Garrison, Prescott, Pyramid, Refute, Spur, Stinger, Widematch); picloram (Grazon, Outpost, Tordon, Triumph, Trooper)
Others	clomazone (Command, Strategy); sodium borates (Prev-Am Ultra)

Collecting a soil sample is relatively easy; you can find basic information on the process in *Soil Sampling for Home Gardens and Small Acreages*⁶⁷. Once you collect a representative soil sample, submit it to your nearest analytical laboratory in Oregon⁶⁸, Washington⁶⁹, or Idaho⁷⁰ for chemical analysis.

Soil analysis reports and formats may vary from lab to lab; however, the *Soil Test Interpretation Guide*⁷¹ will help you identify key components to manage. Soil pH is a common issue in vineyards, as wine grapes thrive in neutral soils. In the PNW, acidic soils are common in western Oregon and Washington, and basic soils are common in eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho. Extension guides on adjusting soil pH include: *Acidifying Soil for Crop Production: Inland Pacific Northwest*⁷², *Applying Limet to Raise Soil pH for Crop Production (Western Oregon)*⁷³, and *Eastern Oregon Liming Guide*⁷⁴. The need to rectify a surplus or deficiency of specific nutrients is also common. For further information about a specific soil analysis result, contact your local Extension office.

Chemical analysis can be expensive and inadequate (i.e., not all chemicals are identified), so a bioassay may be more feasible. You can conduct a bioassay by planting a cover crop into subsamples of the soil in question, monitoring their growth for a full season, and compare that to cover crops grown in uncontaminated soils.

Testing for nematodes prior to planting is another important security measure, because these microscopic, soil-borne round worms can damage grapevines and transmit various grape diseases. There are several commercial companies as well as University Diagnostic Labs in Pacific Northwest that can identify nematodes in soil tests. Contact your local Extension resources for an up-to-date listing of these labs. Be certain to request that all nematodes in the sample be analyzed



Water is a major limiting factor in crop production across the Pacific Northwest. Does your potential vineyard site have water access?

for population density in addition to type, as this may determine whether remediation is necessary; some nematodes are considered beneficial and can be used to control other pests. Submitting your soil sample in the fall is recommended.

GOT WELL WATER?

Access to water from a well does not mean that water is permitted to be used for agricultural irrigation. Check your local ordinances to make sure that any existing, or new wells on a site are permitted for agricultural irrigation.

Water Availability and Water Rights

Water is necessary for successful vineyard establishment in all regions of the PNW. All semi-arid and arid regions of the PNW will require irrigation for the entire life of the vineyard; areas receiving generally-sufficient rainfall will likely not require irrigation, or only require supplemental irrigation in drought years. Consut the Water Resource Department in Oregon⁷⁵, the Department of Ecology in Washington⁷⁶, or the Department of Water Resources in Idaho⁷⁷.

Certain regions within the Pacific Northwest can produce grapes without irrigation. These areas include the Willamette Valley, western Washington, some parts of the Columbia Gorge, southern Oregon, and the upper foothills of the Blue Mountains in eastern Oregon. However, most of the precipitation that occurs throughout the Pacific Northwest is during the winter months, so vineyards in high precipitation areas may need supplemental irrigation during the summer for the first three to four years of establishment. The total rainfall in an area is not always as important as when the rain occurs relative to specific growth stages of the plants and the water holding capacity of the soil.

In Oregon, it is legal to purchase water from a city or other entity that has a water right authorizing municipal use within their defined service area. Contact the operations superintendent of public works for your local municipality for further details. It may be possible to have conditional (temporary) water rights for use on land that is establishing grapevines. Contact your local water department for further details.

For more information regarding the specifics of irrigation systems, refer to the following Extension publications and online resources:

- Drip Irrigation (WSU)⁷⁸
- Managing Irrigation Water Quality for Crop Production in the Pacific Northwest⁷⁹
- Irrigation Basics for Eastern Washington Vineyards (WSU)⁸⁰

Environmental Impacts

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) offers free consultation to landowners in the development process to avoid damage to wildlife habitats and aquatic life in waterways. The ODFW also helps landowners identify valuable species populations on their property, giving them the opportunity to preserve or restore a given habitat or organism. In some cases, identification of a species/habitat can give the location a higher property value. There are grants and tax incentives⁸¹ for such projects as preservation and restoration. Check with your regional ODFW82 office for more information. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has similar grant programs⁸³, and more information is available through regional WDFW84 offices. For Idaho residents, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has grants available⁸⁵ for landowners willing to undertake wildlife preservation measures.

Other Considerations

Grapevines are extremely sensitive to herbicides containing phenoxy-type active ingredients (e.g., 2,4-D). Grapevines are most vulnerable from budbreak through bloom (early April through mid-July). Several Washington AVAs are within zones designated phenoxy-free or restricted use.

Vineyard Establishment and Management Practices

The next step in determining whether to start a vine-yard business is to learn as much as possible about vineyard establishment and management. Knowledge of regionally-appropriate vineyard management practices is necessary to produce high quality wine grapes and avoid mistakes during vineyard establishment. By having a thorough understanding of wine grape production, you can avoid making many basic mistakes during vine establishment. The following resources are developed for the Pacific Northwest. See Table 3 for contact information for OSU, WSU, and UI Extension offices located in key grape-growing areas.

Oregon

Oregon State University Extension Service95

The OSU Extension service provides information for the public. Specifically, the Wine Grape pages (86) have helpful resources for commercial wine grape growers, including management guides, training videos, useful tools, and upcoming events. You can also connect with university Extension experts through this website and connect with your local county offices.

Table 3. Extension offices with a focus on grapes for the Inland Pacific Northwest.

Region	Extension Office	Location/Phone
Oregon statewide	Oregon Viticulture Extension86	Corvallis, OR Viticulture: (541) 737-1411 Enology: (541) 737-6494
North-Central Oregon	Hood River County Extension Service87	Hood River, OR (541) 386-3343
Eastern Oregon	Umatilla County Extension Service ⁸⁸	Milton-Freewater, OR (541) 938-5597
Southern Oregon	Douglas County Extension Service89	Roseburg, OR (541) 672-4461
	Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center ⁹⁰	Central Point, OR (541) 776-7371
Washington statewide	Washington Viticulture Extension ⁹¹	Prosser, WA (509) 786-9234
Eastern Washington	Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center92	Prosser, WA (509) 786-2226
	Benton County Extension Service ⁹³	Kennewick, WA (509) 735-3551
Southwest Idaho	Parma Research and Extension Center94	Parma, ID (208) 722-6701



Even before the first plants are in the ground, there are several preparations and decisions that need to be made that can significantly impact your vineyard.

Oregon Wine Research Institute⁹⁶

The Oregon Wine Research Institute at Oregon State University is a team of scientists working on viticulture, enology, and wine business related research. The website connects you to a network of scientists, the research they are doing and allows you to sign up for a monthly newsletter and access research archives from work conducted at Oregon State University. The monthly newsletter provides vineyard and winery updates, Extension resources, and upcoming training events for industry.

Oregon Production Guides

Establishing a Vineyard in Oregon: A Quick-Start Resources Guide⁹⁶. This is a quick reference guide on what to consider for establishing a commercial vineyard in Oregon.

The Oregon Wine Research Institute also has an **archive**⁹⁷, with links to past newsletter articles on relevant viticulture topics.

Washington

Washington State University Department of Viticulture and Enology⁹⁸

This website details current events and news on grape and wine production in Washington State, and provides information on educational programs, research, and Extension. In addition to accessing various newsletters for the Washington grape and wine industry, you can learn about the WSU Viticulture and Enology Certification Program⁹⁹, or how to pursue related undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Washington State University Extension Publications Catalog¹⁰⁰

The WSU Extension Service engages people, organizations, and communities to advance knowledge,

economic well-being, and quality of life by fostering inquiry, learning, and the application of research. This website is a clearinghouse for all approved WSU Extension publications, including those on grape production.

Washington Production Guides

The Washington State University Viticulture Extension website⁹⁸ has a curated list of resources on vineyard establishment and management, including variety selection, pest and disease management, and nutrient management.

Idaho

University of Idaho Extension Publications¹⁰¹

The UI Extension Service works with the people of Idaho to address youth, community, family, environmental, natural resource, and agriculture issues. Various Extension publications, fact sheets, and bulletins are available at their website.

PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE

While this guide provides general information needed to start a vineyard business, consider seeking services from a vineyard consultant or management company. There are vineyard management companies throughout the Pacific Northwest that specialize in developing and managing vineyards. Contact your local Extension office for more information.

Identifying, Ordering, and Obtaining Plants

What to Purchase

Choosing the best cultivars and clones to grow in a vineyard depends on many factors. After determining what can grow and ripen at a specific site based on environmental suitability, soil type, and water availability, consider the market conditions (see the Understand Vineyard Economics section of this manual), determine which clones of the chosen cultivar have desirable characteristics, whether a rootstock is needed, and if so, what rootstocks are best suited for the vineyard.

Clones

Selecting specific clones within a cultivar can be difficult. A clone is simply the same grape cultivar that has a slightly different characteristic that can be propagated and maintained. Research on clones of several grape cultivars, including Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, is available at the Oregon Wine Research Institute Archive⁹⁷.

Very few scientific publications exist regarding the performance of clonal materials of warm weather cultivars (e.g., Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah). Connect with other wine grape growers and winemakers in your region to determine the best clones for the region and consider planting small plots of different clones to evaluate performance on-farm.

Rootstocks (Grafted Vines)

One of the main reasons for the use of rootstocks is to prevent vine root damage and whole vine decline due to the insect phylloxera. Further information on phylloxera may be found in the Extension publication *Grape Phylloxera: Biology and Management in the Pacific Northwest*¹⁰².

Other reasons for using a rootstock include resistance to nematodes, *Phytophthora*, and drought, and increased vine performance under suboptimal conditions such as water-logged and poorly drained soils, saline soils, and soils with low or high pH. Rootstocks may also improve grape quality by reducing vigor, enhancing (i.e., shortening) the time to fruit ripening, and reducing potassium content in the berries. For more information on rootstock cultivars, consult the Oregon Viticulture Extension and Washington Viticulture Extension webpages highlighted above.

ROOTSTOCK CAUTION

In most grape-growing regions worldwide, grapevines are grafted to rootstocks. Much of the Oregon industry is planted to rootstock. However, some grapevines in eastern Oregon and throughout Washington and Idaho are not grafted to rootstocks; this allowed for greater flexibility in managing winter cold damage, including retraining (see the Winter freezes section under Determine Site Suitability in this manual). Unfortunately, established populations of phylloxera now exist in eastern Washington and Oregon, and growers must weigh the relative risk of cold damage or phylloxera infestation when considering replanting, or establishing new vineyards.

Where to Purchase

Importance of Clean Plants

New pests and diseases can be inadvertently introduced into vineyards through infested nursery material. Collecting bud wood from vineyards may be easy and inexpensive, but there is a risk for bringing unseen problems such as crown gall and viruses such as grape leafroll, corky bark, *Rupestris* stem pitting, and more into a vineyard site. It is therefore critical to obtain plants



Once your soil and on-site infrastructure are prepared, the next step is ordering plants. It is critical that you order 12–18 months in advance of planting to ensure that you can purchase the materials you want and that the stock is certified.

from reputable nurseries that have met all existing state certifications regarding diseases and pests.

Certified "clean" plants are considered free of harmful pests, diseases, and known viruses after undergoing a state-specific inspection and certification process.

Nurseries that sell certified stock obtain their plants from a foundation plant service and use those foundation plants to develop "mother" vineyards from which they propagate stock that they sell to growers. The foundation block which serves Oregon, Washington, and Idaho is the Clean Plant Center–Northwest Grapes¹⁰⁴ at WSU's Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center in Prosser, Washington. The Clean Plant Center–Northwest Grapes is dedicated to the distribution of properly identified and certified disease-free grape plant materials.

Grape Quarantines

To minimize the distribution of pests and diseases across state borders, the three PNW states have unified quarantines that regulate the movement of plants from outside of the state. Read and review the Oregon Department of Agriculture¹⁰⁵, Washington State Department of Agriculture¹⁰⁶, and Idaho State Department of Agriculture¹⁰⁷ rules and regulations for an explanation of the grape quarantines for each state. A comprehensive list of frequently asked questions¹⁰⁸ concerning quarantine, certification, the National Clonal Germplasm Repository, and related issues of importance are provided at the Clean Plant Center¹⁰⁴ website.

The Foundation Plant Services Grape Registry¹⁰⁹ is an online resource of plant materials for which import and quarantine procedures for the introduction into the United States have been completed. The website also provides information about where specific selections originated.

When to Purchase

When to Order Plant Materials

It takes time for nurseries to properly propagate, graft, and root vines for planting. Orders should be placed for new vines during the fall or early winter before planting is scheduled. By not pre-ordering, you run the risk of not finding available certified plant material, or may only have access to marginal stock. Plan ahead and place an order as soon possible.

Further Information and Clarification

There are many questions that arise when determining how to start a vineyard or winery. If you have exhausted the resources above or need further clarification, please contact your local county Extension office or statewide viticulture specialist. These university faculty members are available to answer questions regarding soil sampling, regional climate, or general viticulture. *Planning before planting is the key to success!*

MOVEMENT OF PLANT MATERIALS

It is important to note that beyond state quarantines, the viticulture industry strongly encourages specific etiquette to mitigate further spread of pests within states as well. For example, restricting the movement of phylloxera must be a priority for the continued success of the wine industries in eastern Oregon and Washington, especially since the vast majority of these vineyards are planted to own-rooted cuttings (i.e., they are not grafted to a rootstock) and thus susceptible to phylloxera and subsequent decline.

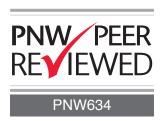
Appendix: Vineyard and Winery Internet Resources

Footnote	Title	Website Address	
		VINEYARD ECONOMICS	
1	Northwest Grapes Cost of Production Calculators	https://www.nwgrapecalculators.org/	
2	Enterprise Budgets: Oregon	https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/oregon-agricultural-enterprise-budgets	
3	Economic Feasibility of Growing Wine Grapes in Idaho	https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/publications/publication-detail?id=bul0828	
4	Washington NASS Fruit Production Statistics	https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Washington/Publications/Fruit/index.php	
5	Oregon NASS Fruit Production Statistics	https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Oregon/Publications/Fruits_Nuts_and_Berries/index.php	
6	Contribution of the Grape and Wine Industry to Idaho's Economy	https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/publications/publication-detail?id=res0162	
7	OSU Small Farms Program	https://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/	
8	WSU Food Systems Program	https://foodsystems.wsu.edu/	
9	UI Small Acreages and Local Foods	https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/small-farms	
10	North American Proficiency Testing Program	https://www.naptprogram.org/pap/	
11	Oregon Environmental Quality Incentives Program	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/oregon/environmental-quality-incentives	
12	Washington Environmental Quality Incentives Program	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/washington/washington-environmental	
13	Idaho Environmental Quality Incentives Program	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/idaho/environmental-quality-incentives	
14	Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau-AVA Designations	https://www.ttb.gov/wine/american-viticultural-area-ava	
15	US Geological Survey	https://www.usgs.gov/	
16	Oregon Wine Board	https://www.oregonwine.org/	
17	Oregon Winegrowers Association	https://www.oregonwinegrowers.org/	
18	Washington Winegrowers Association	https://www.wawinegrowers.org/	
19	Washington Wine Industry Foundation	http://washingtonwinefoundation.org/	
20	Washington State Wine Commission	https://www.washingtonwine.org/	
21	Washington State Grape Society	https://www.grapesociety.org/	
22	Idaho Wine Commission	https://idahowines.org/	
PERMITS AND REGULATIONS			
23	Bureau of Land Management	https://www.blm.gov/	
24	Oregon and Washington Bureau of Land Management	https://www.blm.gov/oregon-washington	
25	Idaho Bureau of Land Management	https://www.blm.gov/idaho	
26	Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau	https://www.ttb.gov/	
27	Oregon Revised Statutes	https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/pages/ors.aspx	

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28	Revised Code of Washington	https://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/	
29	Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board	https://lcb.wa.gov/	
30	Washington County Zoning Ordinances	https://mrsc.org/research-tools/washington-county-codes	
31	Washington City Ordinances	https://mrsc.org/research-tools/washington-city-codes	
32	Idaho State Liquor Division	https://liquor.idaho.gov/	
33	Idaho State Police Alcohol Beverage Control	https://isp.idaho.gov/abc/	
34	Idaho County Ordinances	https://isll.idaho.gov/cntycode.htm/	
35	Idaho County Option Kitchen and Table Wine Act	https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title23/t23ch13/sect23-1301/	
36	Idaho City Ordinances	https://isll.idaho.gov/citycode.htm/	
	ECO-LA	ABELING SUITABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS	
37	Global Ecolabelling Network	https://globalecolabelling.net/	
38	Oregon Tilth	https://tilth.org/	
39	Oregon Department of Agriculture Organic Certification Program	https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/MarketAccess/MACertification/Pages/NationalOrganicProgram.aspx	
40	Washington Tilth Alliance	https://tilthalliance.org/	
41	Washington State Department of Agriculture Organic Food Program	https://agr.wa.gov/departments/organic	
42	Idaho State Department of Agriculture—Organic Certification	https://agri.idaho.gov/main/about/about-isda/ag-inspections/organic-certification-program/	
43	USDA National Organic Program	https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program	
44	International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control (IOBC)	https://iobc-wprs.org/	
45	Salmon Safe	https://salmonsafe.org/	
46	Low Input Viticulture and Enology (LIVE)	https://livecertified.org/	
47	Sustainable WA	https://sustainablewa.com/	
48	Demeter	https://www.demeter-usa.org/	
49	Food Alliance	https://foodalliance.org/	
50	Global GAP	https://www.globalgap.org/	
51	A Greener World	https://agreenerworld.org/certifications/certified-regenerative/	
52	Regenerative Organic Alliance	https://regenorganic.org/	
53	Regenified	https://regenified.com/	
SITE SUITABILITY			
54	OSU Integrated Plant Protection Center GDD Calculator	http://uspest.org/cgi-bin/ddmodel.us	
55	OSU IPPC Weather Stations	http://pnwpest.org/cgi-bin/usmapmaker.pl	
56	WSU AVA GDD Calculations	https://wine.wsu.edu/extension/weather/	
57	WSU AgWeatherNet	https://weather.wsu.edu/	
58	Oregon Climate Summaries	https://wrcc.dri.edu/summary/climsmor.html	

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59	Oregon Climate Service	https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/orcs/
60	UI Climate Service	https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/climate-services
61	Agrimet Weather InfoNet	https://www.usbr.gov/pn/agrimet/webarcread.html
62	Grapevine Training Systems for Managing Winter Cold Injury	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/em-9432-grapevine-training-systems-managing-winter-cold-injury
63	Assessing and Managing Cold Damage in Washington Vineyards	https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/assessing-and-managing-cold-damage-in-washing-ton-vineyards
64	WSU Cold Hardiness Website	https://wine.wsu.edu/extension/cold-hardiness/
65	Growing Table Grapes	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/ec1639
66	Natural Resources Conservation Services Web Soil Survey	https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/
67	Soil Sampling for Home Gardens and Small Acreages (OSU)	http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/18696/ec628.pdf
68	Oregon Soil Analytical Labs	https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em8677
69	Washington Soil Analytical Labs	http://analyticallabs.puyallup.wsu.edu/
70	UI Analytical Sciences Laboratory	https://www.uidaho.edu/cals/analytical-sciences-laboratory
71	Soil Test Interpretation Guide (OSU)	http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/22023/ec1478.pdf
72	Acidifying Soil for Crop Production: Inland Pacific Northwest	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/pnw-599-acidifying-soil-crop-production-inland-pacific-northwest
73	Applying Lime to Raise Soil pH for Crop Production (Western Oregon)	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/em-9057-applying-lime-raise-soil-ph-crop-production-western-oregon
74	Eastern Oregon Liming Guide	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/em-9060-eastern-oregon-liming- guide
75	Oregon Water Resource Department	https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/pages/index.aspx
76	Washington Department of Ecology	https://ecology.wa.gov/
77	Idaho Department of Water Resources	https://idwr.idaho.gov/
78	Drip Irrigation (WSU)	https://foodsystems.wsu.edu/crops/irrigation/
79	Managing Irrigation Water Quality for Crop Production in the Pacific Northwest	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/pnw-597-managing-irrigation-water-quality-crop-production-pacific-northwest
80	Irrigation Basics for Eastern Washington Vineyards	https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/irrigation-basics-and-strategies-for-eastern-washing-ton-grape-production
81	Oregon Grants for Preservation and Restoration	https://www.dfw.state.or.us//wildlife/grants/
82	Regional Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office Directory	https://www.dfw.state.or.us//agency/directory/local_offices.asp
83	Washington Grants for Wildlife Preservation	https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/habitat-recovery/nearshore/conservation/programs/esrp/small-grants
84	Regional Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Office Directory	https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regional-offices
85	Idaho Grants for Wildlife Preservation	https://idfg.idaho.gov/wildlife/lands

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86	Oregon Wine Grape Extension	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/crop-production/wine-grapes		
87	Hood River County Extension Service	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/hoodriver		
88	Umatilla County Extension Service	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/umatilla-mf		
89	Douglas County Extension Service	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas		
90	Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/		
91	Washington Viticulture Extension	https://wine.wsu.edu/extension/		
92	Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center (WSU)	https://iarec.wsu.edu/		
93	Benton County Extension Service	https://extension.wsu.edu/benton-franklin/		
94	UI Parma Research and Extension Center	https://www.uidaho.edu/cals/parma-research-and-extension-center		
95	OSU Extension Service	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/		
96	Establishing a Vineyard in Oregon: A Quick-Start Resource Guide	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/em-8973-establishing-vineyard-oregon-quick-start-resource-guide		
97	Oregon Wine Research Institute Archive	https://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/collections/nz806494j?locale=en		
98	WSU Department of Viticulture and Enology	https://wine.wsu.edu/		
99	WSU Viticulture and Enology Certificate Program	https://wine.wsu.edu/education/certificate/		
100	WSU Extension Publications Catalog	https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/		
101	UI Extension Publications	https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/publications		
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102	Grape Phylloxera: Biology and Management in the Pacific Northwest	https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/ec-1463-grape-phylloxera-biology-management-pacific-northwest		
103	WSU Viticulture Extension Phylloxera Webpage	https://wine.wsu.edu/extension/pest-management/phylloxera/		
104	Clean Plant Center–Northwest Grapes	https://cpcnw.wsu.edu/grapevines/		
105	Oregon Department of Agriculture: Quarantine Rules	https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/PlantHealth/Pages/Grape-Quarantine.aspx		
106	Washington Department of Agriculture: Quarantine Rules	https://agr.wa.gov/departments/plant-health/plant-quarantines		
107	Idaho State Department of Agriculture: Quarantine Rules	https://agri.idaho.gov/main/plants/quarantines/		
108	CPC-NW Grapes Frequently Asked Questions	https://cpcnw.wsu.edu/faqs/		
109	Foundation Plant Services Grape Registry (UC-Davis)	https://ngr.ucdavis.edu/fgrvarieties.cfm		



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