

Oregon Wine Advisory Board Research Progress Report

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Support for Extension Viticulture Activities

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OBJECTIVE

To provide educational programming in support of the Oregon winegrape industry through delivery of educational seminars, newsletters, the Northwest Berry & Grape Information Net, Extension publications, site visits, and telephone consultations.

ACTIVITIES

The Wine Grape Section of the 1998 Oregon Horticultural Society meeting was planned and delivered, with presentations covering the 1997 season in review, an update on phylloxera, results of a virus survey of Oregon vineyards, two presentations on sulfides in wine, and a report on the first year of the Integrated Production Program. During 1998, a survey was conducted to assess the extent and severity of crop loss to Botrytis Bunch Rot in 1997. Results of the survey were reported at the Grape Disease Management workshop, sponsored by OSU Extension, held in Corvallis on April 16.

The "Pest Control Guide for Wine Grapes" was revised in 1998. Funds from this project supported printing and mailing of this publication to the complete OWAB mailing list. Additionally, annual revisions were made to the grape sections of the "1998 Plant Disease Control Handbook" and the "1998 Insect Control Handbook". Winegrape news and information were posted on the electronic newsletter "Willamette Valley Winegrape News" (on the Information Net) and to the e-mail discussion group, NWGRAPE. Revision of the 4th edition of the Oregon Winegrape Growers' Guide was initiated.

OSU Extension continued to provide one-on-one support for winegrape growers in the six county North Willamette District (Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill Counties) by responding to numerous telephone requests for information and site visits to farms to assist growers with management decisions. Additionally, numerous telephone consultations were made with Oregon grape growers outside the North Willamette District.