

# **Oregon Wine Advisory Board Research Progress Report**

**1997 - 1998**

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## **Support Funds for Extension Agent in Viticulture For Josephine County**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Due to the passage of Proposition 5 in 1991 it has been necessary to request financial support in the amount of \$1500 per year from the Wine Advisory board to support extension winegrape activities in Josephine County. We are happy to report that the Josephine County Extension office now has a permanent tax base to support that office and its activities. Therefore, as of June 30th, 1998 outside support will no longer be necessary.

At this time, the Josephine County Extension Office and I would like to thank the Oregon Wine Advisory Board, the Rogue Chapter of the Winegrape Growers Association and everyone else that assisted us in keeping those programs alive during times of budget reduction and office closure.

### **1997-98 OBJECTIVES**

1. Area OSU Extension agent provided one-on-one support for Josephine County winegrape growers. Information provided: winegrape production, which includes: pest identification and management, fertilization, soil sampling, rootstocks, vineyard economics, phylloxera update, site selection, etc.
2. Cooperative educational programs with the Rogue Chapter of the Oregon Winegrape Growers Association will continue to be conducted in Josephine County.
3. As needed, applied research or demonstration projects will be conducted on grower property to assist them with production problems.

### **RESULTS**

One-on one support for Josephine County winegrape growers continues to be provided by area OSU Extension agent. During 1997 over 96 personal contacts were made to residents of that county pertaining to wine grape production.

Educational programs conducted during 1997 include: Vineyard Problem Solving Tour; Core Pesticide Training; Pesticide Safety Training for the Agricultural Worker; Lucy Discusses Rootstocks, Clones, Vineyard Health, and Black Goo; AQ10 Biological Enhances Growers Options for Control of Powdery Mildew; and What's New in Napa.

One applied research project (not funded directly by WAB) "**Evaluation of Soil Treatments And Metam-Sodium Following Vineyard Removal To Improve New Vineyard Growth**" continues in 1997-98 and will be completed with the final results reported in the fall of 1998.

#### **HISTORY OF GRANT**

Year	Amount	Programs	Projects	Contacts
1991-1992	\$1000	5	0	162
1992-1993	\$1500	7	3	109
1993-1994	\$1500	7	1	252
1994-1995	\$1500	8	1	191
1995-1996	\$1500	7	1	163
1996-1997	\$1500	12	1	210