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## Beyond the Vines 02: Pathways to the Valley

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# Pathways to the Valley



Watch the video clips with Mario Carbajal and Susan Sokol Blosser for their stories.

*Ver los videos con Mario Carbajal y Susan Sokol Blosser para conocer sus historias.*

There are many push-and-pull factors in Mexico and the United States that led to the presence of Latino migrants in the United States. In the Willamette Valley, 96% of vineyard workers are of Latino background. The majority of these workers immigrate to the U.S. from Mexico by way of California. Because of the dominant role agriculture plays in rural regions in Mexico, many are skilled

fieldworkers already and there is high demand for their labor. Once they reach Oregon, some already have extensive experience working with grapes and the wine industry.

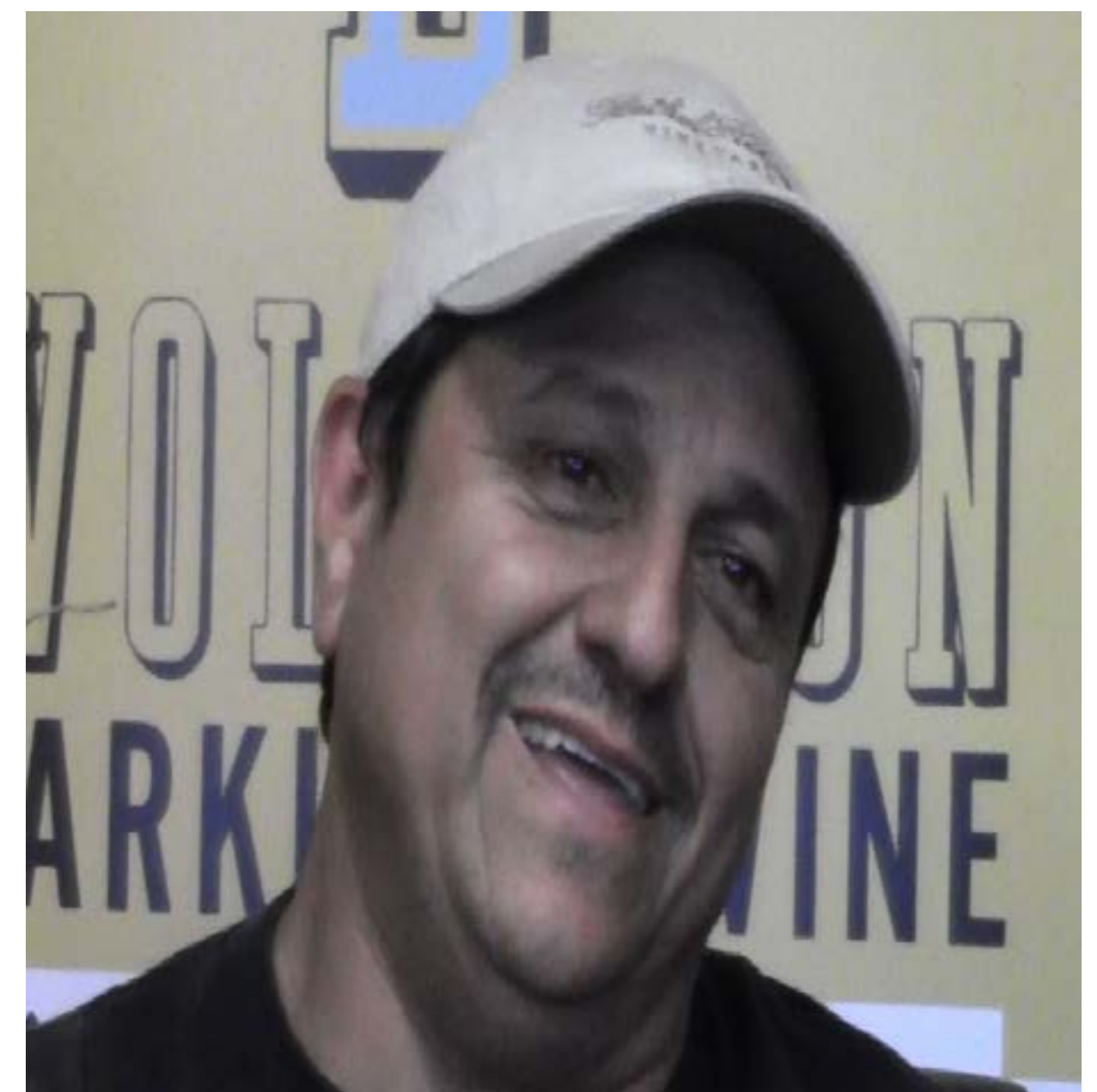


Susan Sokol Blosser is co-founder of Sokol Blosser Winery. She worked with Latino employees when she was managing the vineyards in the 1980s. She also played an important role in the founding of ¡Salud!.

*Susan Sokol-Blosser es cofundadora de la Bodega de Sokol Blosser. Hasta los años ochenta, ella trabajaba directamente con los empleados latinos. Además, tomó una parte en la fundación del programa de ¡Salud!.*

Mario Carbajal is a member of the Sokol Blosser Winery team. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1977 and has since completed his path to citizenship.

*Mario Carbajal es un miembro del equipo de la Bodega de Sokol Blosser. Migró a los EEUU en 1977 y ya cumplió el proceso de ciudadanía Estadounidense.*



*Hay muchos factores que explican la inmigración de Latinos por empujarles desde países y por atraerles hasta los EEUU. En el Willamette Valley, 96% de los trabajadores en las viñas son de antecedentes Latinoamericanos. La mayoría de estos trabajadores emigraron de México por medio de California. Allí, muchos encontraban trabajo en la agricultura por la dominación de la agricultura en la economía de regiones rurales en México, y la alta demanda para su labor en el oeste de los EEUU también. Al llegar en Oregon, algunos ya han tenido mucho experiencia en el trabajo de la uva y la en industria de vino.*

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