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PAUL BJELLAND exhibits grapes grown in his vineyard near Tenmile. To the rear is a samples and sales building. The siding is

from a 100-year-old barn of the area. A grand opening at the vineyard is scheduled Sunday afternoon. (News-Review photos)

Bjelland Vineyards Plans Grand Opening On Sunday

Bjelland Vineyards of Roseburg will hold a grand opening Sunday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Specializing in the production

and sale of Oregon table wines, the vineyards are located off Highway 42 on Reston Road, two miles north of the Tenmile Post Office.

Paul Bjelland, owner, is



MARY BJELLAND displays a product of Bjelland Vineyards which specializes in the production and sale of Oregon table wines. She and her husband, Paul, will be hosts at an open house Sunday at the vineyard.

servicing his second term as president of the 100 member Oregon Wine Growers Association, Inc.

The newly completed samples and sales building is located in the middle of the vineyards. The building is unique in that the siding used in its construction is from a 100-year-old barn (square nails) donated by Carl Stookey.

The samples and sales building will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. daily and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends, or by appointment. Available will be home wine making supplies and maps to Hillcrest Vineyard. At the grand opening Sunday, Sharon Schreiber's wine related art work will be on display.

Bjelland Vineyards are dedicated to producing award-quality varietal table wines which are aged in small oak casks. Climate for the vineyards, according to Bjelland, is similar to the great wine growing areas of Europe.

The vineyards have all types of varietal table wine grapes, specializing in Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay, Beaujolais, Pinot Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Additional vinifera grapes plantings are Gewurtztraminer, Pinot Blanc, Zinfandel, Johannisberg Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Chenin Blanc, covering 28 acres to date. Eighty-five per cent of the grapes planted are Cabernet Sauvignon, judged by most experts as producer of the finest red dinner wines in the world.

Also introduced this year were certified plants. Five growers in the immediate area have planted an additional 100 acres.

"With the enthusiasm of the Oregon Wine Growers Association and advice of experts we are well on our way toward a \$25 million industry in Oregon," Bjelland predicts.