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Weber Vineyards Guide to the Weber Vineyards Collection 1984-1995

Creator: Vivian Weber

Title: Weber Vineyards Collection

Dates: 1984-1995

Quantity: 1 linear foot

Collection Number: OWHA06

Summary: The Weber Collection holds information of harvest details of the Weber Vineyards from 1984-1995. Along with a few pictures, this collection retains documents on spray programs, harvesting records, research, and finances. There is also information on day to day schedules of the vineyard, to-do lists, and daily notes.

Digital items selected to highlight the collection are available here:

http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/owha_weber/. Collection items available in the digital repository can include documents, photographs and/or oral history interviews.

Repository

Jereld R. Nicholson Library

Linfield College

900 SE Baker Street

McMinnville, OR 97128

Reference Number: 503-883-2734

Reference Email: archives@linfield.edu

Language: English

Historical Note

After meeting David Lett at the Oregon State University in the mid 1960's, Arthur Weber became deeply interested in the Oregon wine industry. He and his wife, Vivian Weber, were currently planning a vacation to France, but Arthur decided they should go to Oregon instead. In the spring of 1971 the two traveled to Oregon.

Before growing grapes, Arthur was a publicist and book salesman and Vivian was a travel manager. For a few years, the Webers were extremely busy: flying back and forth between Boston and Dundee trying to establish a profitable vineyard while Vivian

continued to work in Boston. They owned a cabin above the Knudsen Erath vineyard and winery and began to integrate themselves within the Oregon wine community. The first vines to be planted were Riesling in 1975. From then to 1988, the Webers planted thirty-five acres with a mix of Pinot noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Gewürztraminer.

Content Description

This collection contains harvesting details: amount of grapes harvested, weather patterns, schedules for harvesting, varieties of grapes harvested, and comparisons to other local vineyards; spray programs: types of pesticides used, amount used, cost of such pesticides, information on how to use spray programs, and schedules for spray programs; financial records: cost of equipment, payment to employees, and sales; soil analysis: records of testing done by OSU, nutrient deficiencies, and propositions for nutrient supplements; disease and disaster records: phylloxera infestation, disaster relief form and reply, and prevention and treatment research and documentation; Oregon Wine Advisory Board: newsletters, regional data, and notices.

Restrictions on Access

Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

Preferred Citation

Weber Vineyards Collection. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Vivian Weber, October 4, 2012

Provenance

Vivian Weber donated Weber Vineyards Collection papers to the Linfield College Archives on October 4, 2012.

Location of Originals

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

Processing Information

Processed by archives technician Terran Sobel-Smith, with the assistance of archivist Rachael Cristine Woody.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series:

Series 1: Documents: 1984-1995

Series 2: Photographs: 1985-1994

Series 1: Documents

This series contains documents concerning harvests, spray programs, sales, nutrient analysis records, disease and disaster records, business and financial documents, research, and Oregon Wine Advisory board information.

Box 1

Folder 1: Harvest File, 1984

Folder 2: Harvest File, 1985

Folder 3: Harvest File, 1986

Folder 4: Harvest File, 1987

Folder 5: Spray Program, 1987-1988

Folder 6: Boron Deficiency File, 1988

Folder 7: Harvest File, 1988

Folder 8: Harvest File 1989

Folder 9: Spray Program, 1989

Folder 10: Horticulture Meeting Equipment Show, 1989-1990

Folder 11: Harvest—W.V., 1990

Folder 12: Spray Program, 1990

Folder 13: Harvest File, 1991

Folder 14: Spray Program, 1991

Folder 15: Harvest File, 1992

Folder 16: Weber Vineyard, 1992

Folder 17: Spray Program, 1992-1994

Box 2

Folder 1: Grape Sales, 1993

Folder 2: Harvest Backup, 1994

Folder 3: Harvest File; Ernest File, 1994

Folder 4: Weber Vineyards, 1994

Folder 5: Crop Insurance/Disaster Relief application (1994), 1995

Folder 6: Harvest File, 1995

Folder 7: Spray Program, 1995

Folder 8: Boron History

Folder 9: Bottle Formula File; Grape Contract File

Folder 10: Financial Statements, Receipts, and Invoices

Folder 11: Grape and Wine Research

Folder 12: Oregon Wine Advisory Board

Folder 13: OWA File

Folder 14: V. vinifera Nutrient Comm.

Folder 15: Phylloxera File

Folder 16: Winery Criteria and Prospects

Series 2: Photographs

This series contains photographs of grape growing techniques, harvests, and general vineyard pictures.

Box 3

Folder 1: Harvest File, 1985

Folder 2: Grape Sales, 1993

Folder 3: Weber Vineyards, 1994

Folder 4: Miscellaneous Photographs