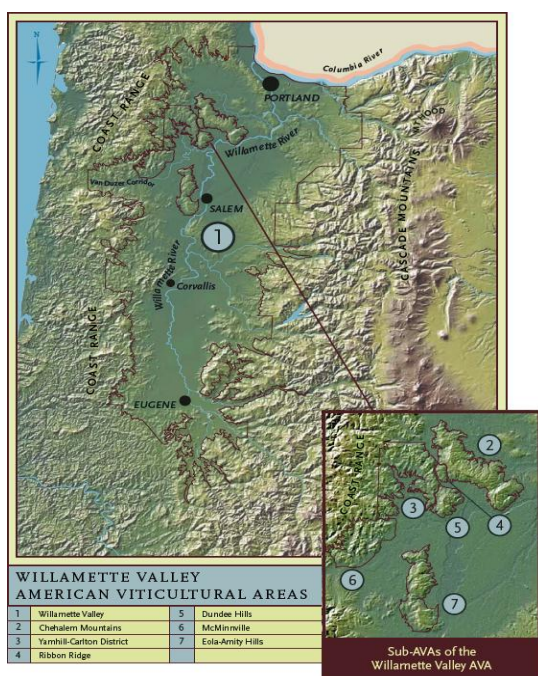


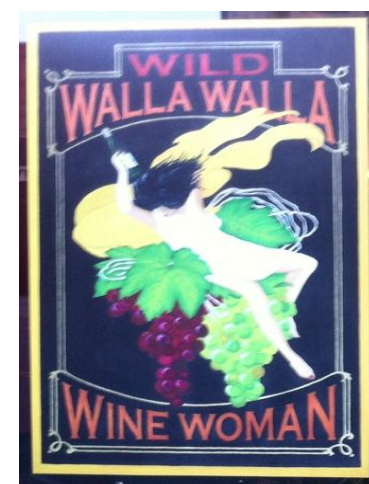
Pinot Pioneers: Women in the Early Years of Willamette Valley Wine



***Pinot Pioneers* tells the story of the women involved in the early days of the Willamette Valley wine industry. Too often women’s involvement and contributions are pushed aside or seen as less important than their male counterparts. This exhibition highlights four of the dedicated women of the industry and their personal accomplishments over the years.**

They juggled their families, vineyard labor, marketing, management and sales. They worked hard to get their wine and region recognized. They had just as much faith that you could grow great wine in Oregon with great people and hard work, as the men involved. The four women we have focused on played crucial roles in the development of the industry: Ginny Adelsheim, Diana Lett, Nancy Ponzi and Susan Sokol Blosser. We would like to thank each one for their cooperation and support to make this exhibition possible.

Along with the women, we have panels spotlighting two other of the Northwest’s American Viticulture Areas: Umpqua Valley and Walla Walla. These areas are starting to become more recognized for their wine. Umpqua Valley has the longest history of wine growing in Oregon, while the Walla Walla Valley is relatively young.



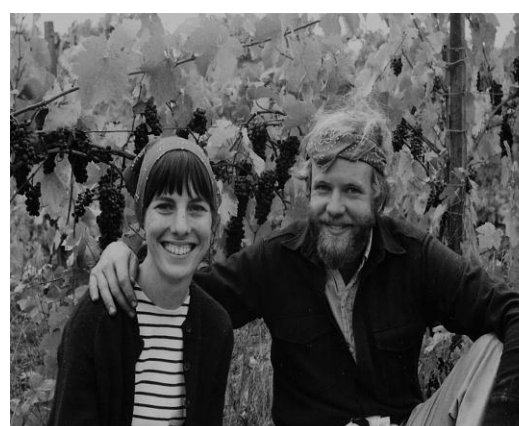
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The Ponzi Family.
Courtesy of Ponzi Vineyards.



Ginny and David Adelsheim. Courtesy of Adelsheim Vineyards.



Diana and David Lett. Courtesy of The Eyrie Vineyards and Jason Lett.



Susan Sokol Blosser with Alex, Alison and Andre the dog. Courtesy of Sokol Blosser.

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