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1970 - 1977

Creator: Gary Fuqua
Title: Gary Fuqua Papers
Dates: 1970 - 1977
Quantity: 1.0 linear feet
Collection Number: OWHA17
Summary: Papers include organizational documentation from the early days of the Oregon Wine Industry prior to the establishment of the Oregon Wine Board. There is a significant amount of documentation regarding climate and weather patterns for the Willamette Valley, as well as documentation dealing with challenges facing viticulture.

Repository
Jereld R. Nicholson Library
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McMinnville, OR 97128
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Language: English

Biographical Note: Gary Fuqua is one of the rare native Oregonians to plant a vineyard in the Willamette Valley. Gary attended Cleveland High School and married Saundra Fuqua. They had three children: Jason, Paige and Eric. Gary worked as an economist for the Army Corps of Engineers in Seattle and Washington, D.C. In 1971, he moved back to Oregon with his family and purchased 35 acres in the Red Hills of Dundee. Fuqua Vineyards was established in 1974 and sold its first harvest to Dick Erath; throughout its existence, Fuqua Vineyards would sell the bulk of its grapes to Erath. Gary would retain enough grapes to produce a small amount of wine in the basement of his home. Gary took a few classes at UC Davis and prepared a couple papers on the economics of starting a vineyard as well as the adaptability of wine grapes to the Willamette Valley climate. Gary served as the chairman of the finance and land use committees for the Wine Grower’s Council of Oregon (now known as the Oregon Wine Board).
Gary sold 10 acres of Fuqua Vineyards to Alan and Sally Holstein in 1980 and he sold the remaining 25 acres of the vineyard acreage to Archery Summit in 1993.

**Content Description**
This collection contains documentation of climate records, early organizational minutes and notes for the Wine Grower’s Council of Oregon (now known as the Oregon Wine Board), research publications from Oregon State University for Oregon wine growers and winemakers as well as academic research notes and articles pertaining to the growing of grapes, which includes the costs associated with starting a vineyard. There is also a small amount of documentation pertaining to land use and legislative issues.

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

**Preferred Citation**

**Provenance**
Gary Fuqua donated the Gary Fuqua Papers to the Linfield College Archives on March 4, 2013.

**Location of Originals**
Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

**Related Material**
Oregon Wine Board

**Processing Information**
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