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Rex Hill
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1982 - 2007

Creator: Rex Hill
Title: Rex Hill Photograph
Dates: 1982 - 2004
Quantity: 4 linear feet
Collection Number: OWHA16
Summary: This collection is predominantly photos which date back to 1982 when the Rex Hill Vineyard property was purchased by Paul Hart and Jan Jacobsen. Photos include property development, festivals and events, staff and the annual harvest. The collection also includes winery books, a 1975 article about the Oregon Wine Industry, a few promotional videos and numerous slides and negatives.

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Historical Note
Paul Hart and his wife Jan Jacobsen purchased an old turkey farm north of Newberg on Hwy 99 and Rex Hill. It was considered a rare piece of land in that it had both volcanic and sedimentary soils; they had an inclination that the land could produce fruit because the largest outbuilding was used to dry fruits and nuts.

Armed with a degree in mathematics and extensive experience in science and philosophy, Hart and Jacobsen established Rex Hill Vineyards in 1982. Hart and Jacobsen are considered members of the “second generation” of vineyard owners and winemakers. They were among the first to take a more commercialized approach to making and selling Oregon Pinot Noir.
In the beginning, Rex Hill Vineyards focused on the production of an award winning Pinot Noir, but they would eventually produce other wines including Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. They also formed a company called Oregon Vineyard Management, Inc. OVM managed more than 200 acres of Vineyards within Yamhill County. Their management skills and winemaking abilities relieved some of the pressure from the winemaking side of the business for vineyard owners such as Maresh Vineyards, Medici Vineyards and many others. Rex Hill Vineyards would produce wines under the vineyards label such as “Maresh Vineyards 88 Pinot noir.”

Rex Hill Vineyards was acquired by A to Z Wineworks in 2007. In honor of the successes achieved by Hart and Jacobsen, A to Z maintains a vineyard called Jacob-Hart Vineyard.

Content Description
This collection contains mostly photographs. The photographs depict the beginning of the vineyard and winery. The photographic history takes you from a barren land of dry grass and dirt roads to the construction of a marvelous contemporary building used to produce their award-winning wines; beautifully landscaped gardens; and immaculately maintained vineyards. The photos also capture annual harvest highlights, annual dinner parties, as well as photos of staff and vineyard workers. There are also several photos from wine and food events attended by Rex Hill Vineyards and photos of events that took place at Rex Hill Vineyards, such as weddings and fundraising events.

But there can also be found VHS promotional videos, slides, negatives and a small collection of graphic art items used to promote the vineyard.

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

Preferred Citation

Provenance
Rex Hill donated Rex Hill Photograph collection to the Linfield College Archives on February 21, 2013.

Location of Originals
Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

Related Material
None.
**Processing Information**
Processed by archives technician Kathie Byers, with the assistance of archivist Rachael Cristine Woody.

**Arrangement**
The collection is arranged into three series:

Series 1: Photographs and Negatives, 1980s-2004
Series 2: Other Media: Slides, Film, and CD, 1982-2007

**Series 1: Photographs and Negatives**
Series contains a visual detail of the vineyard, life, crew, harvest, production, promotion, events, and other special occasions.

**Box 1**
Folder 1: Early photos of vine planting and homestead; unknown
Folder 2: Master’s Court; c. 1980s
Folder 3: Misc. photos of staff; 1990s
Folder 4: Paul’s 50th Birthday; 1990
Folder 5: Misc. photos; 1998
Folder 6: Harvest; 1999
Folder 7: A Dinner; late 1990s
Folder 8: Crush Crew; 1998
Folder 9: Christmas; 2000
Folder 10: Stockholder’s Dinner; September 26, 2002
Folder 11: Harvest and Staff Photos; 2001
Folder 12: Harvest, 2002
Folder 13: Harvest, 2003
Folder 14: Harvest, 2004
Folder 15: IPNC, 2004
Folder 16: Harvest, 2003
Folder 17: Event photos, 2003
Folder 18: Harvest photos, unknown
Folder 19: Harvesting and Wine Making, unknown
Folder 20: The Homestead, 1999
Folder 21: Bottling photos, unknown
Folder 22: Crew, 1997
Folder 23: Misc. events, unknown
Folder 24: Promotional Photos of Various Wine Bottles, unknown
Folder 25: Wine Tasting Room, unknown
Folder 26: Bed and Breakfast, unknown
Folder 27: “Sam,” the Cat, 1982-2000
Folder 28: Testing the Soil, unknown
Folder 29: Misc. photos of Events at Rex Hill; 1980s-2000
Folder 30: Photos of Staff and Crew; unknown
Folder 31: Lynn, Winemaker; unknown

Box 2
Folder 1: Aerial photos; unknown
Folder 2: Grapes, vines, and vineyard; unknown
Folder 3: Photos of House on Vineyard Estate; unknown
Folder 4: Paul Hart photos and portraits; unknown
Folder 5: Exterior photos of winery; unknown
Folder 6: Misc. promotional photos; unknown
Folder 7: Misc. photos of Bottles; unknown
Folder 8: Misc. photos of unknown people; unknown
Folder 9: Woman with painted bottle; unknown
Folder 10: Misc. photos; unknown
Folder 11: Myron Ray Memorial Program (and negatives); unknown
Folder 12: Portrait Negatives: Paul Hart and Lynn; unknown

Box 3
Folder 1: Wine Event; June 24, 1990
Folder 2: Vintage Festival; September 8, 1990
Folder 3: Newport Wine and Seafood Festival (1989 Kings Ridge Chardonnay People’s Choice); February 24, 1991
Folder 4: Food Connection, Eugene, OR; 1991
Folder 5: Riverplace Tulip Festival; April, 1991
Folder 6: Astoria Crab and Seafood Festival; April, 1991
Folder 7: Unknown; March 11, 1991
Folder 8: Unknown; January 18, 1992
Folder 9: Newport Wine and Seafood Festival; 1992
Folder 10: Hawaiian Lu’au; July, 2000
Folder 11: Promotional Photos for Vineyard Events; unknown
Folder 12: Harvest Photos; c. 1990
Folder 13: Misc. Events and Photos of Rex Hill Vineyards; unknown
Folder 14: Misc. Events at Vineyard; unknown
Folder 15: Photos of Vineyard Development and Event Area; unknown
Folder 16: Bottling; 1991
Folder 17: Wine making and Misc. Photos of Winery Equipment; 1991
Folder 18: Staff Photos; unknown
Folder 19: Misc. Rex Hill Photos and Events, 1994-95
Folder 20: Rex Hill Pinot Gris Release, Media Lunch Pazzo; June, 1993
Folder 21: Crush Crew; c. 1996-97

**Series 2: Other Media—Slides, Film, and CDs**
Series contains a visual detail of particular vineyards and harvest through slides, and video footage of winery and vineyard along with taped recordings of featured vineyards on television.

**Box 4**
Folder 1: Vineyard Slides; July, 1998
Folder 2: Harvest Slides; 1992
Folder 3: Misc. Promotional Slides, unknown
Folder 4: Grapes/Harvest, unknown
Folder 5: Jan Jacobson, Partridge Farm; unknown
Folder 6: Misc. Slides, unknown
Folder 7: Laurie Black Slides; unknown
Folder 8: Doreen L. Wynga Slides; 1994
Folder 9: Photo Diary; 1982-2007
Folder 10-18: Misc. photos of Vineyard and Partridge Farm; unknown

**Box 5**
Item 1: The Wine Bible, Rex Hill Vineyards (video cassette); October 26, 2001
Item 2: Rex Hill wine to be served at White House (video cassette); February, 2001
Item 3: Rex Hill Vineyards, Pinot Noir (video cassette); 1998
Item 4: Rex Hill Vineyards, Pinot Noir (video cassette); 1998
Item 5: Crook & Chase: Live w/ Chef Gary, Rex Hill Vineyards (video cassette); July 31, 1998
Item 6: Rex Hill Vineyards (video cassette); unknown
Item 7: Rex Hill--Raw Footage (video cassette); unknown
Item 8: Champagne Sales, Rex Hill Vineyards (video cassette); February 8, 1999
Item 9: Figaro’s, Filmed at Rex Hill Vineyards; August 1995
Item 10: Northwest News; August 25, unknown
Item 11: Unknown tape, unknown
Item 12: IPNC Photo Gallery (CD); 2003
Item 13: JHV Pictures (CD); May 23, 2003
Item 14: Rex Hill Vineyard Harvest Photos: JHV, Estate, Winery Shots (CD); 2006
Item 15: Winter Photos (CD); unknown
Item 16: Angela Snyder Photos (CD); unknown

**Series 3: Publications, Manuscripts, and Guest books**
Series contains guest books for specific events, reference books on wine and the Pacific Northwest, and newspapers featuring Oregon wine.

**Box 6**
Item 1: Rex Hill Vineyards Mailing List; unknown
Item 2: Rex Hill Vineyard Guest Book (various events); 2003

**Box 7**
Item 1: The Wines and Wineries of America’s Northwest (book); p. 1986
Item 3: Showcase Oregon Wineries (book); p. 1981
Item 4: Northwest, The Sunday Oregonian Magazine (newspaper); January 26, 1975