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Moving Beyond the Vines



Watch the video clips with Ofelia Galaviz and Jesus Guillen for their stories.

Ver los videos con Ofelia Galaviz y Jesús Guillen para conocer sus historias.



Ofelia Galaviz worked in the vineyards at Sokol Blosser Winery for many years and is now in her 80s and retired.

Ofelia Galaviz trabajó en las viñas de Sokol Blosser por muchos años y ya tiene más de 80 años.

Con las necesidades básicas siendo satisfechas a través de programas como ¡Salud!, Latinos pueden cambiar su enfoque para lograr metas distintas. Ofelia Galaviz y su esposo pudieron comprar tierra una casa por trabajar por la Bodega de Sokol Blosser, alcanzando, como ella lo dijo, su Sueño Americano. Eso les ayudó asegurar la posibilidad de éxito por la larga duración para sus niños por inculcar la importancia del trabajo, pero también la importancia de la educación. La orientación inclusiva de la industria para ayudar a personas nuevas a encontrar su lugar en la comunidad es una razón por que Jesús Guillen está viviendo en los Estados Unidos todavía. A través de los años, ha recibido ayuda de viticultores vecindarias, quienes estaban dispuestos a compartir su experiencia y ayudarle en su viaje, mientras determinaba su propia contribución por miedo de los vinos que hace él.

Estas historias son muestra de un sentimiento fuerte de la comunidad en la industria de vino en Oregón, y muestran también la amplitud del trabajo que hacen los Latinos como parte de la comunidad. Muchos miembros de la industria de vino en Oregón, especialmente los Latinos, expresan la esperanza que crezcan las oportunidades mas allá de los vides.

With basic needs being met through programs like ¡Salud!, Latinos in the wine industry are able to shift their focus to achieve different goals. Ofelia Galavez and her husband were able to buy land and a house by working at Sokol Blosser Winery, attaining, as she put it, their American Dream. This helped to ensure the possibility of her children's long-term success by instilling in them the importance of work and education. The industry's openness to help newcomers find their place in the community is one reason that Jesus Guillen is still living in the U.S. Over the years, he has received help from area winemakers who were more than willing to share their expertise and help him in his journey, while he adds his own personal signature to the wines he makes.

These stories demonstrate the Oregon wine industry's strong sense of community, and demonstrate the breadth of the work being done by Latinos as part of this community. Many members of the Oregon wine industry, especially Latinos themselves, express hope that there will be continued opportunities to expand beyond the vines.

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