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## 1998 Oregon Vineyard Report


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## Wine grape production declines

Oregon's 1998 wine grape crop totaled 14,700 tons, 21 percent less than last year's record crop and 2 percent less than 1996 production. The value of this season's crop totaled \$17.3 million, down 16 percent from 1997, also the record. Harvested area was a record 7,100 acres, up 13 percent from last year's prior high of 6,300 acres. Funding for the 1998 Vineyard Survey was provided by the Oregon Wine Advisory Board.

### Wine Grapes: Acreage, yield, production, price and value, by variety, Oregon, 1997-98

Variety	All planted acreage		Harvested acreage		Yield per harvested acre		Production		Price per ton		Value of production	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Dollars	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Cabernet Sauvignon	312	352	241	251	3.09	2.15	744	540	1,070*	1,200	796*	648
Chardonnay	1,506	1,603	1,327	1,456	3.12	2.23	4,137	3,252	1,090*	1,030	4,509*	3,350
Gewurztraminer	185	180	164	161	2.79	2.26	458	364	740*	860	339*	313
Merlot	228	383	144	174	2.56	2.29	368	399	1,420	1,560	523	622
Muller Thurgau	90	92	82	86	4.95	3.87	406	333	770	800	313	266
Pinot Blanc	99	104	61	67	2.75	2.18	168	146	1,210	1,410	203	206
Pinot Gris	1,146	1,350	761	982	2.78	1.68	2,117	1,647	1,260	1,260	2,667	2,075
Pinot Noir	3,039	3,689	2,551	2,909	2.67	1.77	6,821	5,140	1,310*	1,450	8,936*	7,453
Sauvignon Blanc	89	69	61	53	2.39	2.36	146	125	840	820	123	103
Semillon	52	48	46	41	1.89	1.88	87	77	860	870	75	67
White Riesling	698	655	595	592	3.64	3.16	2,163	1,873	680	710	1,471	1,330
Zinfandel	67	79	58	60	4.24	3.22	246	193	850*	1,220	209*	235
All others	289	396	209	268	3.06	2.28	639	611	870*	1,110	556*	678
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>2.94</b>	<b>2.07</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>17,346</b>

\* Revised.

### Wine Grapes: Vineyards, acreage, yield and production, by county, Oregon, 1997-98

County	Number of Vineyards		All planted acreage		Harvested acreage		Yield per harvested acre		Production	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	Number	Number	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Benton	23	23	284	278	200	196	2.85	1.88	570	368
Clackamas	22	25	129	201	120	165	2.53	1.42	304	234
Douglas	38	37	558	585	347	457	3.22	2.42	1,116	1,104
Hood River	7	8	51	57	39	53	2.33	1.85	91	98
Jackson	29	36	338	582	273	306	2.97	2.80	812	856
Josephine	22	23	308	431	203	262	4.12	2.63	837	688
Lane	33	31	625	646	448	576	2.48	1.67	1,109	964
Linn	7	6	79	70	68	69	1.85	1.41	126	97
Marion	22	19	502	561	447	479	2.47	1.90	1,103	909
Polk	41	43	1,156	1,298	973	1,043	2.80	2.11	2,722	2,205
Umatilla	6	7	120	207	60	65	4.27	2.55	256	166
Wasco	8	9	88	88	75	81	3.49	4.80	262	389
Washington	42	43	928	1,022	740	814	3.03	1.97	2,242	1,604
Yamhill	103	105	2,349	2,603	2,030	2,181	2.94	1.82	5,967	3,962
All others	9	10	285	371	277	353	3.55	2.99	983	1,056
<b>Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>2.94</b>	<b>2.07</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>14,700</b>

**Wine grapes: All planted acreage, by variety and area, Oregon, 1998 and 1997 totals**

Area	Cabernet Sauvignon	Char-donnay	Gewurztraminer	Merlot	Muller Thurgau	Pinot Blanc	Pinot Gris	Pinot Noir	White Riesling	All others	All varieties	
											1998	1997
											Acre	Acre
Benton Co.	6	21	6	1	3	--	30	166	20	26	279	284
Douglas Co.	59	101	26	32	3	3	54	128	70	106	582	558
Jackson Co.	93	80	2	238	2	12	44	9	--	98	578	338
Josephine Co.	27	83	22	5	5	2	80	159	33	15	431	308
Lane Co.	9	102	8	4	1	--	204	235	65	18	646	625
Marion Co.	1	101	2	--	3	1	148	264	26	15	561	502
Polk Co.	16	313	18	--	12	23	206	622	32	58	1,300	1,156
Washington Co.	4	177	32	--	26	16	164	452	110	39	1,020	928
Yamhill Co.	4	468	14	--	34	45	352	1,513	123	59	2,612	2,349
Other Valley <sup>1/</sup>	10	54	24	3	3	1	52	110	25	22	304	227
Columbia River <sup>2/</sup>	123	103	26	100	--	1	16	31	151	136	687	525
Total, 1998	352	1,603	180	383	92	104	1,350	3,689	655	592	9,000	--
Total, 1997	312	1,506	185	228	90	99	1,146	3,039	698	497	--	7,800

**Wine Grapes: Harvested acreage, by variety and area, Oregon, 1998 and 1997 totals**

Area	Cabernet Sauvignon	Char-donnay	Gewurztraminer	Merlot	Muller Thurgau	Pinot Blanc	Pinot Gris	Pinot Noir	White Riesling	All others	All varieties	
											1998	1997
											Acre	Acre
Benton Co.	6	19	6	1	3	--	25	117	7	12	196	200
Douglas Co.	52	86	18	15	3	3	43	112	36	91	456	347
Jackson Co.	63	67	--	96	2	12	25	9	--	41	306	273
Josephine Co.	9	58	20	3	5	2	54	73	28	10	262	203
Lane Co.	9	87	8	1	1	--	189	207	65	9	576	448
Marion Co.	1	94	2	--	3	1	95	243	25	15	479	447
Polk Co.	16	301	18	--	11	23	94	492	32	58	1,043	973
Washington Co.	2	161	27	--	26	16	110	353	105	25	814	740
Yamhill Co.	4	437	14	--	29	45	297	1,187	121	59	2,181	2,030
Other Valley <sup>1/</sup>	9	46	22	2	3	1	36	86	22	22	249	203
Columbia River <sup>2/</sup>	80	100	26	56	--	1	14	30	151	80	538	436
Total, 1998	251	1,456	161	174	86	104	982	2,909	592	422	7,100	--
Total, 1997	241	1,327	164	144	82	99	761	2,551	595	374	--	6,300

**Wine grapes: Production, by variety and area, Oregon, 1998 and 1997 totals**

Area	Cabernet Sauvignon	Char-donnay	Gewurztraminer	Merlot	Muller Thurgau	Pinot Blanc	Pinot Gris	Pinot Noir	White Riesling	All others	All varieties	
											1998	1997
											Tons	Tons
Benton Co.	12	42	8	2	2	--	34	237	20	11	368	570
Douglas Co.	81	314	51	22	18	--	47	247	112	215	1,107	1,116
Jackson Co.	158	215	--	277	1	9	60	30	--	105	855	812
Josephine Co.	23	156	46	12	21	5	118	206	74	29	690	837
Lane Co.	19	173	14	2	8	1	201	390	127	29	964	1,109
Marion Co.	2	226	11	--	12	8	229	263	90	67	908	1,103
Polk Co.	40	648	22	--	41	51	214	958	88	143	2,205	2,722
Washington Co.	5	333	49	--	96	5	192	585	263	75	1,603	2,242
Yamhill Co.	9	940	23	1	128	64	493	1,937	256	103	3,954	5,967
Other Valley <sup>1/</sup>	17	72	38	2	6	1	40	100	47	26	349	451
Columbia River <sup>2/</sup>	174	133	102	81	--	2	19	187	796	203	1,697	1,571
Total, 1998	540	3,252	364	399	333	146	1,647	5,140	1,873	1,006	14,700	--
Total, 1997	744	4,137	458	368	406	168	2,117	6,821	2,163	1,118	--	18,500

<sup>1/</sup> Clackamas, Linn, and Multnomah Counties. <sup>2/</sup> Grant, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla and Wasco Counties.

**Wine grapes: Acreage changes and fruit not used or lost, by variety, Oregon, 1998**

Variety	New plantings	Removals	Harvested but not utilized	Fruit not harvested	Losses			
					To birds	To disease	To frost	All losses
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Cabernet Sauvignon	72	9	--	--	26	5	--	31
Chardonnay	53	41	13	7	63	47	76	186
Gewurztraminer	8	3	--	--	9	2	1	12
Merlot	164	8	--	--	6	2	2	10
Muller Thurgau	--	1	--	--	3	1	--	4
Pinot Blanc	17	--	--	--	1	--	--	1
Pinot Gris	222	--	1	1	28	16	4	48
Pinot Noir	476	29	1	1	66	41	31	138
Sauvignon Blanc	--	--	--	--	6	4	--	10
Semillon	3	--	--	--	3	1	--	4
White Riesling	7	30	--	30	25	15	8	48
Zinfandel	2	--	--	1	4	14	--	18
All others	128	10	1	--	12	4	1	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>527</b>

**Wine grapes: Use or sales, by destination and variety, Oregon, 1998**

Variety	Estate or home use & not utilized	Oregon	Washington	Other states & foreign countries <sup>1/</sup>	All uses or sales
	<i>Tons</i>				
Cabernet Sauvignon	80	316	139	5	540
Chardonnay	1,001	2,006	228	17	3,252
Gewurztraminer	112	141	101	10	364
Merlot	21	320	58	--	399
Muller Thurgau	148	184	1	--	333
Pinot Blanc	71	75	--	--	146
Pinot Gris	681	966	--	--	1,647
Pinot Noir	2,160	2,927	16	37	5,140
Sauvignon Blanc	16	108	1	--	125
Semillon	7	20	50	--	77
White Riesling	509	625	717	22	1,873
Zinfandel	7	179	7	--	193
All others	333	278	--	--	611
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,146</b>	<b>8,145</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>14,700</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes unknown destinations outside Oregon.

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