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## Guide to the Ponzi Vineyards Collection

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## **Dick and Nancy Ponzi Guide to the Ponzi Vineyards Collection 1970-2009**

**Creator:** Dick and Nancy Ponzi

**Title:** Ponzi Vineyards Collection

**Dates:** 1970-2009

**Quantity:** 2.5 linear feet

**Collection Number:** OWHA04

**Summary:** This collection details the history of Ponzi Vineyards, founded by Dick and Nancy Ponzi. It includes information regarding events at the vineyard as well as the winery business. Included are articles showcasing the accolades given to the wine made at Ponzi Vineyards and the history of the work that the Ponzis have done to create their winery, as well as the contributions of other individuals.

Digital items selected to highlight the collection are available here:

[http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/owha\\_ponzi/](http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/owha_ponzi/). Collection items available in the digital repository can include documents, photographs and/or oral history interviews.

### **Repository**

Jereld R. Nicholson Library

Linfield College

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McMinnville, OR 97128

Reference Number: 503-883-2734

Reference Email: [archives@linfield.edu](mailto:archives@linfield.edu)

**Language:** English

### **Historical Note**

Originally having nothing to do with viticulture or enology, the Ponzis were originally located in Southern California. After meeting Nancy, getting married, and having children, Dick Ponzi decided he wanted to revive his family tradition of home winemaking. The family focused on learning winemaking, working in California vineyards and studying at home, all the while raising their three young children. Then, after a number of years of learning, traveling, and researching, the Ponzis discovered Pinot Noir, and in 1969 set out along the West Coast to find a suitable location to begin growing.

Eventually, they found the Willamette Valley: perfect for Pinot Noir and cheap enough to start up a new business. The original Estate Vineyard was established in 1970. By 1974, the Ponzis produced their first vintage.

The Ponzis were also active in many other industries of the Willamette Valley. They opened one of Oregon's first microbreweries in 1984, the Bridgeport Brewing Company. They later sold the brewery in 1995. In addition, the Ponzis also began their Dundee project in 1998 to commercialize and educate people on the wealth of agriculture and culinary prospects that the Willamette Valley ultimately had to offer. The Ponzis have a strong belief in the support of local foods and goods which led to the opening of The Dundee Bistro and Ponzi Wine Bar.

### **Content Description**

This collection contains newspaper and magazine articles highlighting the Ponzi Vineyards, photographs of the vineyards, invitations sent to and from the Ponzi's, information about the Ponzi Vineyards published by the Ponzi Estate and outside publications, documents of correspondence, and miscellaneous materials that include mentioning of the Ponzi Vineyards and their wine.

### **Restrictions on Access**

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

### **Preferred Citation**

Ponzi Vineyards Collection. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Dick and Nancy Ponzi, March, 2012.

### **Provenance**

Dick and Nancy Ponzi donated the Ponzi Winery Collection papers to the Linfield College Archives on November 2011.

### **Location of Originals**

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

### **Related Material**

International Pinot Noir Celebration Collection

¡Salud! Collection

### **Processing Information**

Processed by archives technician Terran Sobel-Smith, with the assistance of archivist Rachael Cristine Woody.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into two series:

Series 1: Photographs

Series 2: Documents

**Series 1: Photographs**

Photographs detailing aspects of business from the Ponzi Vineyards.

**Box 1**

**Folder 1:** Ponzi Vineyards, circa 1993

**Folder 2:** Papa in cellar, 1997

**Folder 3:** Ponzi Photographs, 1970-2009

**Series 2: Documents**

Documents relating to business, events, and history of the Ponzi Vineyards.

**Box 2**

**Folder 1:** Wine Lists and Menus

**Folder 2:** Ponzi Photographs [pamphlets and invitations]

**Box 3**

**Folder 1:** Other Winery Events

**Folder 2:** Ponzi Vineyards (Newspapers)

**Folder 3:** Women in the Wine Industry

**Folder 4:** Ponzi Documents

**Folder 5:** Oregon Winery Documents

**Folder 6:** Oregon Winery Documents (continued)

**Folder 7:** Magazine and Newspaper Articles

**Object 1:** Oregon Horticulture Society, 1975

**Object 2:** Picture board—Dick Ponzi

**Object 3:** Gambero Rosso, 1995

**Object 4:** Vinum, 1990

**Object 5:** Pinot Noir Glass-tasting; New York, 1991

**Box 4**

**Folder 1:** Winegrower's Council of Oregon Newsletters

**Folder 2:** WCO Legislation

**Folder 3:** Ecological Society of the Pacific Northwest

**Folder 4:** WCO Business Records

**Folder 5:** Oregon Wine Grape Information for the Oregon Legislation

**Box 5:**

**Folder 1:** Mulhausen Equipment 1979-1980 (Folder 1 of 3)

**Folder 2:** Mulhausen Equipment 1979-1980 (Folder 2 of 3)

**Folder 3:** Mulhausen Equipment 1979-1980 (Folder 3 of 3)

**Folder 4:** Mulhausen Receipts

**Box 6:**

**Folder 1:** Articles and Newsletters

**Folder 2:** Miscellaneous Documents