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1984-1995

Creator: Vivian Weber
Title: Weber Vineyards Collection
Dates: 1984-1995
Quantity: 1 linear foot
Collection Number: OWHA06
Summary: The Weber Collection holds information of harvest details of the Weber Vineyards from 1984-1995. Along with a few pictures, this collection retains documents on spray programs, harvesting records, research, and finances. There is also information on day to day schedules of the vineyard, to-do lists, and daily notes.

Digital items selected to highlight the collection are available here: http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/owha_weber/. 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
Language: English

Historical Note

After meeting David Lett at the Oregon State University in the mid 1960's, Arthur Weber became deeply interested in the Oregon wine industry. He and his wife, Vivian Weber, were currently planning a vacation to France, but Arthur decided they should go to Oregon instead. In the spring of 1971 the two traveled to Oregon.

Before growing grapes, Arthur was a publicist and book salesman and Vivian was a travel manager. For a few years, the Webers were extremely busy: flying back and forth between Boston and Dundee trying to establish a profitable vineyard while Vivian

continued to work in Boston. They owned a cabin above the Knudsen Erath vineyard and winery and began to integrate themselves within the Oregon wine community. The first vines to be planted were Riesling in 1975. From then to 1988, the Webers planted thirty-five acres with a mix of Pinot noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Gewürztraminer.

Content Description

This collection contains harvesting details: amount of grapes harvested, weather patterns, schedules for harvesting, varieties of grapes harvested, and comparisons to other local vineyards; spray programs: types of pesticides used, amount used, cost of such pesticides, information on how to use spray programs, and schedules for spray programs; financial records: cost of equipment, payment to employees, and sales; soil analysis: records of testing done by OSU, nutrient deficiencies, and propositions for nutrient supplements; disease and disaster records: phylloxera infestation, disaster relief form and reply, and prevention and treatment research and documentation; Oregon Wine Advisory Board: newsletters, regional data, and notices.

Restrictions on Access

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

Preferred Citation

Weber Vineyards Collection. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Vivian Weber, October 4, 2012

Provenance

Vivian Weber donated Weber Vineyards Collection papers to the Linfield College Archives on October 4, 2012.

Location of Originals

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

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: Documents: 1984-1995
Series 2: Photographs: 1985-1994

Series 1: Documents
This series contains documents concerning harvests, spray programs, sales, nutrient analysis records, disease and disaster records, business and financial documents, research, and Oregon Wine Advisory board information.

Box 1
Folder 1: Harvest File, 1984
Folder 2: Harvest File, 1985
Folder 3: Harvest File, 1986
Folder 4: Harvest File, 1987
Folder 5: Spray Program, 1987-1988
Folder 6: Boron Deficiency File, 1988
Folder 7: Harvest File, 1988
Folder 8: Harvest File 1989
Folder 9: Spray Program, 1989
Folder 10: Horticulture Meeting Equipment Show, 1989-1990
Folder 11: Harvest—W.V., 1990
Folder 12: Spray Program, 1990
Folder 13: Harvest File, 1991
Folder 14: Spray Program, 1991
Folder 15: Harvest File, 1992
Folder 16: Weber Vineyard, 1992
Folder 17: Spray Program, 1992-1994

Box 2
Folder 1: Grape Sales, 1993
Folder 2: Harvest Backup, 1994
Folder 3: Harvest File; Ernest File, 1994
Folder 4: Weber Vineyards, 1994
Folder 5: Crop Insurance/Disaster Relief application (1994), 1995
Folder 6: Harvest File, 1995
Folder 7: Spray Program, 1995
Folder 8: Boron History
Folder 9: Bottle Formula File; Grape Contract File
Folder 10: Financial Statements, Receipts, and Invoices
Folder 11: Grape and Wine Research
Folder 12: Oregon Wine Advisory Board
Folder 13: OWA File
Folder 14: V. vinifera Nutrient Comm.
Folder 15: Phylloxera File
Folder 16: Winery Criteria and Prospects

Series 2: Photographs
This series contains photographs of grape growing techniques, harvests, and general vineyard pictures.

Box 3
Folder 1: Harvest File, 1985
Folder 2: Grape Sales, 1993
Folder 3: Weber Vineyards, 1994
Folder 4: Miscellaneous Photographs