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## Rex Hill

### Guide to the Rex Hill Photograph Collection

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.

#### Repository

Jereld R. Nicholson Library

Linfield College

900 SE Baker Street

McMinnville, OR 97128

Reference Number: 503-883-2734

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

**Language:** English

#### 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**

Rex Hill Photograph Collection. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Rex Hill, February 21, 2013.

### **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 3: Publications, Manuscripts, and Guest books, 1975-2003

## **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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 2: Tasting and Touring, The Northwest Winery Guide (book); p. 1986/87

Item 3: Showcase Oregon Wineries (book); p. 1981

Item 4: Northwest, The Sunday Oregonian Magazine (newspaper); January 26, 1975