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INTRODUCTION

Sample costs to establish a vineyard and produce wine grapes under drip irrigation in the Intermountain Region, Shasta-Trinity counties are presented in this study. The study is for the new grower buying land, building a shop, purchasing equipment, drilling a well and planting wine grapes. Viticultural practices vary widely in this geographical region, due to topography that ranges from valley floor to mountainside. Therefore, this study is intended as a guide only, and can be used to make production decisions, determine potential returns, prepare budgets and evaluate production loans. Practices described are based on production practices considered typical for the crop and area, but these same practices will not apply to every situation. The sample costs for labor, materials, equipment and custom services are based on current figures. A blank column, "Your Costs", in Tables 3 and 4 is provided for entering your farming costs.

The hypothetical farm operation, production practices, overhead, and calculations are described under the assumptions. For additional information or an explanation of the calculations used in the study call the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, (530) 752-3589 or your local UC Cooperative Extension office.

Sample Cost of Production Studies for many commodities are available and can be requested through the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Davis. Current studies can be downloaded from the department website at <u>http://coststudies.ucdavis.edu</u> or obtained from selected county UC Cooperative Extension offices.

ASSUMPTIONS

The assumptions refer to Tables 1 to 9 and pertain to sample costs to establish a vineyard for wine grape production in the Intermountain Region, Shasta-Trinity Counties. The cultural practices shown represent operations and materials considered typical in a well-managed vineyard in the region. The costs, materials, and practices shown in this study will not be applicable to all situations. Establishment and cultural practices vary by grower and the differences can be significant. Each grower must consider topography, elevation, water supply, desired cultural practices (i.e. conventional versus organic), and other site specific factors in evaluating these sample costs. The study is intended as a guide only. *The trade names and cultural practices shown in this report do not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the University of California nor is any criticism implied by omission of similar products or practices.*

Farm. The 6-acre vineyard consists of 3-acres of wine grapes and land around the vineyard, all enclosed by a surrounding deer fence, plus land for equipment storage, shop, and roads. In this case study, the landowner purchases the 6-acres for \$10,000 per acre and is the manager/operator. Another 14 acres adjoining the vineyard is separately purchased for a homesite. Although the grower does the majority of the labor for the operations, a labor cost (opportunity cost) is shown for each operation.

Power supply. Pumping is electric and the power is purchased from the local utility company. In cases where utility power is not available on-site, costs for constructing an off-grid power supply or connecting to the grid must be included. Some growers may pump with diesel power.

Establishment Operating Costs

(Tables 1 & 2)

Site Preparation. The vineyard is planted on previously unfarmed land with scattered trees. The site for the vineyard is level to 10% slope, southwest facing and does not require any environmental permits. Soil samples are taken for nutrient and nematode analysis prior to ripping. In September, prior to the planting year, a custom operator removes vegetation from the site and rips the dry soil to 3-feet deep in the vine rows. Some areas may have buried rock in which ripping would pull them to the surface. In this case growers may not rip. The trees and brush are pushed into a pile for disposal by burning in the winter. Vegetation is bladed off with the subsequent regrowth controlled through a Roundup herbicide application the following spring. After land preparation, the trellis is constructed, the drip irrigation system installed, and a deer fence built.

Vineyard/Vines. The vineyard consist of three one-acre blocks arranged in a linear fashion with 8 rows to each acre spaced 9-feet apart for a total vineyard width of 225 feet. Vines are spaced with rows 6-feet apart for a total of 95 vines in each row making each row 582 feet long. An 8-foot deer fence is 50 feet away from all sides of the vineyard requiring 671 feet of perimeter fence per acre with posts 12-feet apart. The three 8-foot gates are each constructed as one double gate and a single gate. The total land use surrounded by the deer fence is five acres.

Planting. Dormant benchgrafts on phylloxera resistant rootstock (Grannett, Walker and Marcum, 2002) are planted in mid-April. A planting hole is dug, roots are trimmed and the vine planted to the appropriate depth. In recent times, Pinot Noir is the highest valued variety in the area. Pinot Noir, Riesling, Chardonnay, and Gewürztraminer are the common planted varieties in the area. Realizing the potential for market changes, it may be desirable to plant more than one variety. The vines are planted on a 6 x 9-foot spacing, 806 vines per acre. Because of the field configuration, a "middle" exists on the two outside vine rows. Therefore, 800 vines per acre are purchased to plant 760 vine locations. Due to dead or unhealthy plants, 5% are replanted in the second year.

Trellis System. The vertical shoot positioning system (VSP) is a vertical divided trellis system that maximizes the capturing of sunlight for high yields. However, in lower elevation locations where heat and light are intense, making the risk of fruit sunburn higher, growers may choose to use a horizontally divided canopy to provide additional fruit shading. In the fall of the year prior to planting, holes are dug by hand with a posthole digger to put in the end posts and grapestakes. Slotted grapestakes 8 feet long (18 inches deep in soil) are placed every 25 feet apart with smaller stakes for vines not positioned at the grapestakes. End posts are vertical 8 foot x 5-inch diameter wood treated posts with diagonal braces into the vineyard. All wire is high tensile 12.5 gauge: a 12-inch drip wire, a 42-inch cordon wire and two pairs of shoot positioning wires 10-inches and 22-inches above the cordon wire. Gripples attached to each wire tightens the wires on each row. The gripple tensioning tool is included in the tools inventory. The system is considered as part of the vineyard since it will be removed when the vines are removed. Therefore it is included in the establishment cost.

Training/Pruning. Training and pruning establish the vine framework and these techniques will vary with variety and trellis system. In this study training includes pruning, tying, suckering, shoot positioning and thinning. The vines are pruned to vertical shoot positioned (VSP) trellising. Vines are trained by a vertical shoot position system to maximize leaf exposure to sunlight. Other trellising systems might be more appropriate for vigorous vines on yield sites at low elevation or to provide canopy protection to fruit to reduce sunburn.

First year vines are allowed to sprawl and grow from openended milk cartons placed over the vine to protect them from small rodents. At the beginning of the second year, vines are pruned back in the

Table A. Expectations for grapevine growth and yield in Shasta Trinity Counties.

	Sea	ason				
Year	Spring	Fall	Yield			
1		Site Preparation	Nono			
1	Plant and allow maximum growth		None			
2	Prune back to 2 buds in the spring, allow no yield and establish cordon					
3	Prune small wood, manage growth to	complete cordon, thin to limit yield	0.5 ton			
4	Prune and thin to allow a 1 ton increa	se in yield	1.5 ton			
5	Prune and thin to allow a 1 ton increase in yield					
6	Prune and thin to allow a 1 ton increa	se in yield	3.5 ton			

spring to two buds and the cordon is established. Pruning is assumed to take five hours, plus an additional 10 hours for training. Wood smaller than a pencil is removed early in the third year vines and clusters are thinned to one or two per vine for a 0.5 ton per acre yield. In the third, fourth and fifth years, it takes 17, 18, and 20 hours, respectively, for pruning in February. Sixteen hours are allocated each year from April to June for tying, shoot positioning and cluster thinning. Pruning and canopy management times will vary by trellis type, variety, and vine vigor. In the first two years, the prunings are chopped and incorporated in to the soil with the disking in March. In the third and subsequent years, the prunings are placed in the middles and chopped with a flail mower prior to the March disking.

Irrigation and Frost Protection. The dripline is installed prior to planting. The vineyard uses well water for irrigation and frost protection. Water is delivered to the head of the vineyard through a single 3-inch PVC pipe. Laterals include on and off valves to divert water to either the drip line or the frost protection lines. The field is irrigated through the drip system beginning after planting in the first year. In subsequent years the vines are irrigated from March to September. The irrigation cost includes the water pumping costs, irrigation labor, and tractor time. Minimal tractor time is included each month for the irrigator to travel to and from the vineyard. One hour of irrigation labor per acre is needed for each inch of irrigation water. At the height of irrigation demand in July, irrigation sets will be 8 hours per day. Irrigation amounts in years one and two are one-half that of years three and beyond, 10.5 inches per season vs. 21 inches for the season. Most of the April

irrigation is applied for frost protection. In certain cases, landowners may have the option of using surface water such as a stream for irrigation and frost protection; thereby, saving on the cost of the well. However, when surface water is used added filtration is needed.

Drip System. Three-inch lateral lines are laid out in the fall prior to trellis installation. After planting, the drip line is attached to the drip wire on the trellis system and emitters are punched. Drip system labor is included in the total drip system costs. The drip system is considered part of the vineyard and is included in the establishment costs.

Pest Management. The pesticides and rates mentioned in this cost study are listed in *UC Integrated Pest Management Guidelines, Grapes.* **Pesticides mentioned in the study are not recommendations, but those commonly used in the region.** For information on other pesticides available, pest identification, monitoring, and management visit the UC IPM website at <u>www.ipm.ucdavis.edu</u>. For additional information and pesticide use permits, contact the local county Agricultural Commissioner's office.

Insects. Leafhoppers and sharpshooter control begins in the third year coinciding with canopy development. Provado is applied in April with the second sulfur spray.

Diseases. Wettable sulfur is applied in early April of the second year to prevent powdery mildew. In the third and subsequent years, wettable sulfur is applied once in March and twice in April and in May. The grower applies the sulfur.

Weeds. Roundup is used to control weeds in the vine row in February. The middles are disked in March for weed control, and to chop and incorporate the prunings. In the third and subsequent years, the prunings are chopped with a flail mower prior to disking. The middles are mowed for weed control in September. Roundup is applied by using a backpack sprayer with a boom in the fall of the first year and thereafter every spring. Growers who chose to control weeds through non-chemical means may need to purchase an in-row cultivator (\$6000 - \$10,000).

Fertilization. The grower applies 15-15-15 fertilizer by hand in the spring. Costs include a tractor to haul the bags to the field and the application labor. Soil samples for nutrient and nematode analysis were collected prior to planting. Fertilizer application should be based on the soil analysis; in this study it is assumed that the fertilizer applied will supply the basic requirements.

Harvesting. Harvest starts in the third year. The grower hires three or more workers to harvest grapes at a \$0.06 per pound rate (\$120 per ton) for harvest. Each worker can harvest up to a ton of grapes in a day. The grower parks the pickup and trailer at the edge of the field and the pickers dump the grapes from their picking buckets into the bins. The grower uses the pick-up truck and flat bed trailer to make daily 4-hour roundtrips to the winery with up to five 1,000-pound bins or 2.5 tons of grapes. The cost per acre is allocated accordingly.

Yield. No yield is expected the first two years, with yields of 0.5 tons per acre (1.3 lbs/vine) the third year and increasing 1 ton per acre (2.6 lbs/vine) in the next three years to a maximum yield of 3.5 tons per acre (9.2 lbs/vine).

Returns. The grapes are sold to a winery and since prices per ton fluctuate significantly due to variety, fruit quality, market trends and overall production, this study assumes that the grower receives an average of \$1,500 per ton.

Production Operating Costs

Pruning/Canopy Management. Pruning is done annually in March and a second pass is made to tie the vines/canes. Prunings are placed in the row middles and disked into the soil to decompose. It is assumed that it takes 20 hours per acre to prune, 4 hours to tie and 4 hours per pass for suckering, shoot thinning and positioning. Passes are made in May for suckering, shoot thinning and positioning. Passes are made in May for suckering, shoot thinning and positioning. Passes are made in June and July for shoot positioning, cluster thinning and some tying. Pruning time will vary with trellis type, variety and vine vigor.

Irrigation/Frost Protection. We assume pumping from a well, but in some cases water is from streams, which have lower lift and pumping energy costs. Water pumping cost is assumed to be \$2 per acreinch. The irrigation costs include pumping costs, irrigation labor, and the use of a tractor and trailer. Minimal tractor time is included each month for the irrigator to travel to and from the vineyard. One hour of irrigation labor per acre is needed for each inch of irrigation water. At the height of irrigation demand in July, irrigation sets will be 8 hours per day. In isolated areas, diesel pumping may be used. Pulsators are used for frost protection, applying approximately 0.1 inch per hour over only the vine rows. Water use for Pulsators is assumed to be about the same as drip – about 13 gallons per minute (gpm) per acre. Some growers use spinner or impact sprinklers requiring 50 gpm per acre for frost protection.

Fertilization. Soil samples were collected in the first year for nutrient analysis. In this study, it is assumed that 80 pounds of 15-15-15 fertilizer will cover the N, P, K and S for all years.

Pest Management. The pesticides and rates mentioned in this cost study are listed in *UC Integrated Pest Management Guidelines, Grapes.* **Pesticides mentioned in the study are not recommendations, but those commonly used in the region.** For information on other pesticides available, pest identification, monitoring, and management visit the UC IPM website at <u>www.ipm.ucdavis.edu</u>. A Pesticide Identification number is required to purchase pesticides for commercial use. For information regarding pesticide ID numbers and use permits, contact the County Agricultural Commissioner's office. For additional production information, contact the UC Cooperative Extension Viticulture Farm Advisor.

Pest Control Adviser. Growers may hire private (independent) PCAs or receive the service as part of the services provided by their local retail agricultural chemical and fertilizer supplier. The pest control adviser (PCA) monitors the field for pests, diseases, and nutrition. PCAs are required to provide written recommendations for pesticides that they advise a grower to use. No PCA is included in this study.

Insects. Leafhoppers and sharpshooter may be a problem in some years. Provado is applied in April with the second sulfur spray.

Disease. Wettable sulfur is applied to control powdery mildew once in March and twice in both April and May.

Harvesting. The grower hires three or more workers to harvest grapes at a \$0.06 per pound rate (\$120 per ton) for harvest. Each worker can harvest up to a ton of grapes in a day. The grower uses the pick-up truck and flat bed trailer to make daily trips to the winery with up to five 1,000-pound bins or 2.5 tons of grapes. The grower parks the pickup and trailer at the edge of the field (row) and the pickers dump the grapes from their picking buckets into the bins. The grower hauls 2.5 tons per load and takes 4-hours round trip. The cost per acre is allocated accordingly.

Yield. The 2004 grape crush report suggests yields in grape crushing district 9 can reach 4 or 4.5 tons per acre, but this study includes production in areas up to 2,500 foot elevation so yields are projected to average only 3.5 tons per acre in years six and beyond (see Table A). A ton of wine grapes makes about 150 gallons of wine. A gallon of wine makes approximately five 750 milliliter bottles.

Returns. The Pinot Noir grapes are sold to a winery and since prices per ton fluctuate significantly due to variety, fruit quality, market trends and overall production, this study assumes that the grower receives an average of \$1,500 per ton. Prices for the 4 varieties, based on the

Table B. Average grower returns per derivered ton from District 9											
	2001	2002	2003	2004	Average						
Chardonnay	496	328	330	454	402						
Gewürztraminer	950	922	879	818	892						
Pinot Noir	1,776	1,462	1,587	1,441	1,566						
Riesling				1,200	1,200						

Table B. Average grower returns per delivered ton from District 9*

* Grape crush reports, 2001-2004, CDFA.

Final Grape Crush Reports, 2001-2004, for Chardonnay, Gewütztraminer, Pinot Noir and Riesling in Region 9 are shown in Table B. In this study, profitability above total costs occurred when yields at \$1,500 per ton exceeded 6.5 tons per acre or when prices at 3.5 tons exceeded \$2,500 per ton.

Pickup. The grower uses the pickup for business and personal use. The assumed general business use for the pickup is 20 hours per acre. In addition the pickup with a trailer is used for hauling the harvested grapes to the winery and is included in that cost.

Labor. Labor rates of \$10.96 per hour for machine operators and for general labor includes payroll overhead of 37%. The basic hourly wage for machine operators and for general labor is \$8.00. Although, the machine operator labor is more skilled than general labor, the wages are the same because the machine operator is the unsalaried grower. The overhead includes the employers' share of federal and California state payroll taxes, workers' compensation insurance for vineyards (code 0040), and a percentage for other possible benefits. Workers' compensation insurance costs will vary among growers, but for this study the cost is based upon the average industry final rate as of January 1, 2005 (California Department of Insurance). Labor for operations involving machinery are 20% higher than the operation time given in Table 1 and 4 to account for the extra labor involved in equipment set up, moving, maintenance, work breaks, and field repair.

Equipment Operating Costs. Repair costs are based on purchase price, annual hours of use, total hours of life, and repair coefficients formulated by American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE). Fuel and lubrication costs are also determined by ASAE equations based on maximum Power Take Off (PTO) horsepower, and fuel type. Prices for on-farm delivery of diesel and gasoline are \$1.51 and \$2.05 per gallon, respectively. The cost includes a 2% local sales tax on diesel fuel and 8% sales tax on gasoline. Gasoline also includes federal and state excise tax, which are refundable for on-farm use when filing your income tax. The fuel, lube, and repair cost per acre for each operation in Table 1 is determined by multiplying the total hourly operating cost in Table 6 for each piece of equipment used for the selected operation by the hours per acre. Tractor time is 10% higher than implement time for a given operation to account for setup, travel and down time.

Interest On Operating Capital. Interest on operating capital is based on cash operating costs and is calculated monthly until harvest at a nominal rate of 7.65% per year. A nominal interest rate is the typical market cost of borrowed funds. The interest cost of post harvest operations is discounted back to the last harvest month using a negative interest charge.

Risk. The risks associated with crop production should not be minimized. While this study makes every effort to model a production system based on typical, real world practices, it cannot fully represent financial, agronomic and market risks, which affect profitability and economic viability. Growers may purchase Federal crop insurance to reduce the production risk associated with specific natural hazards. Insurance policies vary and range from a basic catastrophic loss policy to one that insures losses for up to 75% of a crop. Insurance costs will depend on the type and level of coverage.

Cash Overhead

Cash overhead consists of various cash expenses paid out during the year that are assigned to the whole farm and not to a particular operation. These costs include property taxes, interest on operating capital, office expense, liability and property insurance, sanitation services, equipment repairs, and management.

Property Taxes. Counties charge a base property tax rate of 1% on the assessed value of the property. In some counties special assessment districts exist and charge additional taxes on property including equipment, buildings, and improvements. For this study, county taxes are calculated as 1% of the average value of all property. Average value equals new cost plus salvage value divided by 2 on a per acre basis.

Insurance. Insurance for farm investments varies depending on the assets included and the amount of coverage. Property insurance provides coverage for property loss and is charged at 0.690% of the average value of the assets over their useful life. Liability insurance covers accidents on the farm and costs \$429 annually for the entire farm.

Management/Supervisor Wages. Salary is not included. Returns above costs are considered a return to management

Office Expense. Office and business expenses are estimated at \$166 per acre. These expenses include office supplies, telephones, bookkeeping, accounting, legal fees, shop and office utilities, and miscellaneous administrative charges.

Investment Repairs. Annual repairs on investments or capital recovery items that require maintenance are calculated as 2% of the purchase price. Repairs are not calculated for land. Repairs at 2% are included for establishment costs to account for trellis repairs and vine replacement.

Non-Cash Overhead

Non-cash overhead is calculated as the capital recovery cost for equipment and other farm investments.

Capital Recovery Costs. Capital recovery cost is the annual depreciation and interest costs for a capital investment. It is the amount of money required each year to recover the difference between the purchase price and salvage value (unrecovered capital). It is equivalent to the annual payment on a loan for the investment with the down payment equal to the discounted salvage value. This is a more complex method of calculating ownership costs than straight-line depreciation and opportunity costs, but more accurately represents the annual costs of ownership because it takes the time value of money into account (Boehlje and Eidman). The formula for the calculation of the annual capital recovery costs is ((Purchase Price – Salvage Value) x Capital Recovery Factor) + (Salvage Value x Interest Rate).

Salvage Value. Salvage value is an estimate of the remaining value of an investment at the end of its useful life. For farm machinery (tractors and implements) the remaining value is a percentage of the new cost of the investment (Boehlje and Eidman). The percent remaining value is calculated from equations developed by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) based on equipment type and years of life. The life in years is estimated by dividing the wear out life, as given by ASAE by the annual hours of use in this operation. For other investments including irrigation systems, buildings, and miscellaneous equipment, the value at the end of its useful life is zero. The salvage value for land is the purchase price because land does not depreciate. The purchase price and salvage value for equipment and investments are shown in Table 6.

Capital Recovery Factor. Capital recovery factor is the amortization factor or annual payment whose present value at compound interest is 1. The amortization factor is a table value that corresponds to the interest rate used and the life of the machine.

Interest Rate. The interest rate of 6.01% used to calculate capital recovery cost is the USDA-ERSs tenyear average of California's agricultural sector long-run rate of return to production assets from current income. It is used to reflect the long-term realized rate of return to these specialized resources that can only be used effectively in the agricultural sector.

Irrigation System. A 6-inch diameter deep-water well, 200 feet deep is drilled on the property. A 5-horsepower (hp) 4-inch diameter submersible pump delivers 39 gallons per minute (gpm) to either irrigate all three acres through 1 gallon per hour (gph) emitters or to frost protect using pulsators on the second frost protection line placed on the drip wire. Drip lines are 3/4 inch with one one-gallon per hour (gph) emitter placed at each vine location. Water is applied continuously to one acre per set resulting in three sets per irrigation. A 220-gallon tank and filter is included in the pumping station costs.

Land. This study is based upon the purchase of six acres of unfarmed land at \$10,000 per acre. Three acres are planted to vines and are enclosed by a perimeter deer fence. The deer fence is installed 50 feet from the vines and accounts for two unplanted acres around the vineyard and inside the fence. One acre is allocated to the shop, equipment storage area and roads. The landowner also purchased an additional 14-acres which includes space for the homestead. These 14 acres are not included in the enterprise.

Tools. This includes shop tools, hand tools, and miscellaneous field tools such as pruning tools, and backpack sprayer.

Establishment Cost. Costs to establish the vineyard are used to determine capital recovery expenses, depreciation, and interest on investment for the production years. Establishment cost is the sum of the costs for land preparation, trellis system, drip system, planting, vines, cash overhead and production expenses for growing the vines through the first year that grapes are harvested minus any returns from production. The Total Accumulated Net Cash Cost on Table 1, in the third year represents the establishment cost. For this study the cost is \$16,542 per acre or \$49,626 for the 3-acre vineyard. The establishment cost is spread over the remaining 22 years of the 25 years the vineyard is in production.

Equipment. Farm equipment is purchased new or used, but the study shows the current purchase price for new equipment. The new purchase price is adjusted to 50% to indicate a mix of new and used equipment. Annual ownership costs for equipment and other investments are in the Whole Farm Equipment, Investment and Business Overhead Tables. Equipment costs are composed of three parts: non-cash overhead, cash overhead, and operating costs. Both of the overhead factors have been discussed in previous sections. The operating costs consist of repairs, fuel, and lubrication and are discussed under operating costs.

Table Values. Due to rounding, the totals may be slightly different from the sum of the components.

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UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION **Table 1. SAMPLE COSTS PER ACRE TO ESTABLISH A VINEYARD** INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - TRINITY & SHASTA COUNTIES

	Cost Per Acre						
	Year:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
	Tons Per Acre:			0.50	1.50	2.50	
Land Preparation and Planting Costs:							
Clear Land and Rip (Custom)		500					
Fertilizer: Soil & Nematode Test		41					
Trellis: Build & Install		3,274					
Irrigation: Install filter, pipe, drip		1,603					
Fence: Build deer fence		1,769					
Plant: Vines (760), cartons, labor. Replant 5% second year		3,113	159				
TOTAL LAND PREP and PLANTING COSTS	1	0,301	159				
Cultural Costs:							
Prune: Hand Prune			55	186	197	219	
Prune/Train: Tie canes/Shoot Position/Thin			147	190	190	190	
Weed: Hand spray vine rows (Roundup)		57	57	57	57	57	
Weed : Disk middles		16	16	16	16	16	
Prune: Chop Prunings				17	17	17	
Fertilize: Hand spread (15-15-15) (Yr 1 Zinc Sulfate added)		46	32	32	32	32	
Disease: Mildew (wettable sulfur). Insect: Leafhopper (Provado)				51	51	51	
Disease: Mildew (wettable sulfur)			19	74	74	74	
Irrigate: water & labor		168	168	304	304	304	
Weed: Mow		16	16	16	16	16	
Pickup Truck Use		409	409	409	409	409	
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS		712	918	1,354	1,365	1,387	
Harvest Costs:							
Pick and Haul				88	236	383	
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS				88	236	383	
Interest On Operating Capital @ 7.65%		699	37	52	54	56	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE	1	1,713	1,114	1,495	1,654	1,826	
Cash Overhead Costs:							
Office Expense		167	167	167	167	167	
Liability Insurance		143	143	143	143	143	
Property Taxes		329	324	332	332	332	
Property Insurance		89	85	91	91	91	
Investment Repairs		263	263	263	263	263	
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS		991	982	997	997	997	
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE	1	2,704	2,096	2,491	2,651	2,822	
INCOME/ACRE FROM PRODUCTION		<i>.</i>	,	750	2,250	3,750	
NET CASH COSTS/ACRE FOR THE YEAR	1	2,704	2,096	1,741	401		
PROFIT/ACRE ABOVE CASH COSTS		<i>.</i>	,	,		928	
ACCUMULATED NET CASH COSTS/ACRE	1	2,704	14,800	16,542	16,942	15,614	
Non-Cash Overhead: Capital Recovery							
Well		222	222	222	222	222	
Shop/Field Tools		227	227	227	227	227	
Pump Tank Filter		100	100	100	100	100	
Shop Building		522	522	522	522	522	
Land		1,202	1,202	1,202	1,202	1,202	
Equipment		1,251	1,187	1,316	1,316	1,316	
TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT		3,523	3,459	3,588	3,588	3,588	
TOTAL COST/ACRE FOR THE YEAR	1	6,227	5,556	6,080	6,239	6,411	
INCOME/ACRE FROM PRODUCTION				720	2,250	3,750	
TOTAL NET COST/ACRE FOR THE YEAR	1	6,227	5,556	5,330	3,989	2,661	
NET PROFIT/ACRE ABOVE TOTAL COST		, .	,	/ ·	,	,	
TOTAL ACCUMULATED NET COST/ACRE	1	6,227	21,783	27,112	31,101	33,762	

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Table 2. MATERIALS AND CUSTOM TO ESTABLISH A VINEYARD DITEMOUNTAIN DECION. Short & Trivity Counties

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Trinity Counties

			Vear	1	Vaar	- 2	Voor	3	Voor	4	Vear	5
			1 cai	1	1 ca	<u> </u>	tal Costs Pe	er Acre	I cai	-	1 cai	5
	Unit	\$/Unit	units	\$	units	\$	units	\$	units	\$	units	\$
OPERATING COSTS	0					<u> </u>						*
Custom:												
Site Preparation	acre	500.00	1.00	500		0		0		0		0
Harvest (hand)	ton	120.00				0	0.50	60	1.50	180	2.50	300
Fertilizer:												
Soil/Nematode Test	each	100.00	0.30	30		0		0		0		0
15-15-15	lb	0.20	80.00	16	80.00	16	80.00	16	80.00	16	80.00	16
Zinc Sulfate 36%	lb	0.46	30.00	14		0		0		0		0
Fungicide:												
Wettable Sulfur	lb	0.84		0	3.00	3	15.00	13	15.00	13	15.00	13
Insecticide:												
Provado Solupak	oz	43.95		0		0	0.75	33	0.75	33	0.75	33
Herbicide:												
Roundup	pint	6.80	6.00	41	6.00	41	6.00	41	6.00	41	6.00	41
Water:	r ·											
Water:	acin	2.00	10.50	21	10.50	21	21.00	42	21.00	42	21.00	42
Fence:												
8' bunny fence	foot	1.50	671.00	1.007		0		0		0		0
fence clips	foot	0.01	671.00	7		0		0		0		0
8'x10' gate	each	300.00	1.00	300		0		0		0		0
10' T post	each	6.00	56.00	336		0		0		0		0
Trellis:												
8' grape stakes	each	8.00	184.00	1,472		0		0		0		0
8'x5" end posts	each	9.50	16.00	152		0		0		0		0
6'x4" post braces	each	8.00	16.00	128		0		0		0		0
Pound posts (Install) - Custom	acre	100.00	1.00	100		0		0		0		0
60" plant stakes (rebar)	each	1.00	576.00	576		0		0		0		0
12.5 gauge ht wire	foot	0.02	27,936.00	559		0		0		0		0
Gripples	each	1.00	48.00	48		0		0		0		0
Irrigation System:												
Valves for rows	each	20.00	8.00	160		0		0		0		0
100ft 3" pvc pipe	foot	1.50	100.00	150		0		0		0		0
Rent (Trencher)	acda	50.00	1.00	50		0		0		0		0
3/4" drip tube	foot	0.07	4,656.00	326		0		0		0		0
1 gph comp emitter	each	0.30	800.00	240		0		0		0		0
3/4" frost tube	foot	0.07	4,656.00	326		0		0		0		0
Pulsators	each	1.00	200.00	200		0		0		0		0
Vines:												
Benchgrafted Vines	each	3.50	762.00	2,667	38.00	133		0		0		0
Vine Ties (Ty-M-Up)	roll	5.00		0	3.00	15	3.00	15	3.00	15	3.00	15
Milk cartons	each	0.40	762.00	305	38.00	15		0		0		0
Labor (machine)		10.96	44.00	482	30.80	338	38.40	421	40.00	438	41.60	456
Labor (non-machine)	hrs	10.96	55.50	608	30.50	334	56.00	614	57.00	625	59.00	647
Fuel - Diesel	gal	1.51	78.93	119	63.46	96	74.18	112	77.90	118	81.59	123
Lube	-			18		14		17		18		18
Machinery repair				57		52		59		63		66
Interest				699		37		52		54		56
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS				11,713		1,114		1,494		1,655		1,825

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UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Table 3. COSTS PER ACRE to PRODUCE WINE GRAPES INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Lassen Counties

	Operation Cash and Labor Cost per acre						
	Time	Labor	Fuel, Lube	Material	Custom/	Total	Your
Operation	(Hrs/A)	Cost	& Repairs	Cost	Rent	Cost	Cost
Cultural:							
Weed: Spray Vine Rows (Roundup)	0.33	15	1	41	0	57	
Prune: (hand)	20.00	219	0	0	0	219	
Prune: Tie vines/canes	4.00	44	0	15	0	59	
Prune: Chop Prunings	1.00	13	4	0	0	17	
Weed: Disk Middles	1.00	13	3	0	0	16	
Disease: Mildew (sulfur)	4.00	53	11	10	0	74	
Canopy Management: Shoot Position, Cluster Thin	12.00	132	0	0	0	132	
Fertilize: Hand (15-15-15)	0.33	15	1	16	0	32	
Irrigate: (water & labor)	2.00	256	6	42	0	304	
Disease: Mildew (sulfur). Insect: Leafhopper (Provado)	1.00	13	3	35	0	52	
Weed: Mow Middles	1.00	13	3	0	0	16	
Pickup: General Business Use	20.00	263	146	0	0	409	
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS	66.66	1,050	177	159	0	1,387	
Harvest:		,				,	
Hand Pick & Haul	5.60	74	43	0	420	537	
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS	5.60	74	43	0	420	537	
Interest on operating capital @ 7.65%						58	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE		1,124	220	159	420	1,981	
CASH OVERHEAD:		,				,	
Office Expense						167	
Liability Insurance						143	
Property Taxes						416	
Property Insurance						149	
Investment Repairs						594	
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS						1.468	
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE						3,449	
NON-CASH OVERHEAD:	Pe	er producin	ig A	Innual Cost		,	
		Acre	Č	apital Recov	ery		
Well		3,333	_	222		222	
Tools		1,667		227		227	
Pump, Tank, Filter		1,500		100		100	
Shop Building		6,667		522		522	
Land		20,000		1,202		1,202	
Vineyard Establishment		16,542		1,375		1,375	
Equipment		9,830		1,314		1,314	
TOTAL NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS		59,539		4,961		4,961	
TOTAL COSTS/ACRE		,		,		8,410	

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Table 4. COSTS AND RETURNS PER ACRE to PRODUCE WINE GRAPES INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Lassen Counties

	Quantity/		Price or	Value or	Your
	Acre	Unit	Cost/Unit	Cost/Acre	Cost
GROSS RETURNS					<u>_</u>
Wine Grapes	3.50	ton	1,500.00	5,250	
OPERATING COSTS					
Trellis:					
Vine Ties (Ty-M-Up rolls)	3.00	each	5.00	15	
Herbicide:					
Roundup Ultra Max	6.00	pint	6.80	41	
Fungicide:					
Wettable Sulfur (micronized)	15.00	lbs	0.84	13	
Insecticide:					
Provado Solupak	0.75	oz	43.95	33	
Fertilizer:					
15-15-15	80.00	lb	0.20	16	
Water:					
Water	21.00	acin	2.00	42	
Contract:					
Harvest: Hand	3.50	tons	120.00	420	
Labor (machine)	43.52	hrs	10.96	477	
Labor (non-machine)	59.00	hrs	10.96	647	
Fuel - Diesel	86.03	gal	1.51	130	
Lube		•		19	
Machinery repair				71	
Interest on operating capital @ 7.65%				58	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE				1,981	
NET RETURNS ABOVE OPERATING COSTS				3,269	
CASH OVERHEAD COSTS:					
Office Expense				167	
Liability Insurance				143	
Property Taxes				416	
Property Insurance				149	
Investment Repairs				594	
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE				1,468	
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE				3,449	
NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS (Capital Recovery)					
Well				222	
Tools				227	
Pump, Tank, Filter				100	
Shop Building				522	
Land				1,202	
Vineyard Establishment				1,375	
Equipment				1,314	
TOTAL NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE				4.961	
TOTAL COSTS/ACRE				8.410	
NET RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL COSTS				-3,160	

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Table 5. MONTHLY COSTS PER ACRE to PRODUCE WINE GRAPES

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Lassen Counties

Beginning JAN 05	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	FOTAL
Ending DEC 05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	
Cultural:													
Weed: Spray Vine Rows (Roundup)		57											57
Prune: (hand)			219										219
Prune: Tie vines/canes			59										59
Prune: Chop Prunings			17										17
Weed: Disk Middles			16										16
Disease: Mildew (sulfur)			19	19	37								74
Canopy Management: Shoot Position, Cluster Thin			44		44		44						132
Fertilize: Hand (15-15-15)				32									32
Irrigate: (water & labor)				31	44	57	83	57	31				304
Disease: Mildew (sulfur). Insect: Leafhopper (Provado)				51									51
Weed: Mow Middles									16				16
Pickup: General Business Use	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41			409
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS	41	98	414	174	166	98	168	98	88	41	0	0	1,387
Harvest:													
Hand Pick & Haul										537			537
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	537	0	0	537
Interest on operating capital	0	1	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	12	0	0	58
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE	41	99	418	179	172	104	175	106	97	590	0	0	1,981
OVERHEAD:													
Office Expense	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17			167
Liability Insurance	143												143
Property Taxes				416									416
Property Insurance				149									149
Investment Repairs	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	594
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS	209	66	66	630	66	66	66	66	66	66	50	50	1,468
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE	250	165	484	809	238	171	241	172	163	656	50	50	3,449

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION **Table 6. RANGING ANALYSIS** INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Lassen Counties

	_		YIEL	D (ton/a	cre)		
	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	6.50	7.50
OPERATING COSTS:							
Cultural Cost	1,387	1,387	1,387	1,387	1,387	1,387	1,387
Harvest Cost	230	383	537	690	843	996	1,150
Interest on operating capital	56	57	58	59	60	61	61
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE	1,673	1,827	1,982	2,136	2,290	2,444	2,598
Total Operating Costs/ton	1,115	731	566	475	416	376	346
CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE	1,468	1,468	1,468	1,468	1,468	1,468	1,468
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE	3,141	3,295	3,450	3,604	3,758	3,912	4,066
Total Cash Costs/ton	2,094	1,318	986	801	683	602	542
NON-CASH OVERHEAD							
COSTS/ACRE	4,961	4,961	4,961	4,961	4,961	4,961	4,961
TOTAL COSTS/ACRE	8,102	8,256	8,411	8,565	8,719	8,873	9,027
Total Costs/ton	5,401	3,302	2,403	1,903	1,585	1,365	1,204

COSTS PER ACRE AT VARYING YIELD TO PRODUCE WINE GRAPES

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE OPERATING COSTS

PRICE	YIELD (ton/acre)										
\$/ton	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	6.50	7.50				
500	-923	-577	-232	114	460	806	1,152				
1,000	-173	673	1,518	2,364	3,210	4,056	4,902				
1,500	577	1,923	3,268	4,614	5,960	7,306	8,652				
2,000	1,327	3,173	5,018	6,864	8,710	10,556	12,402				
2,500	2,077	4,423	6,768	9,114	11,460	13,806	16,152				
3,000	2,827	5,673	8,518	11,364	14,210	17,056	19,902				
3,500	3,577	6,923	10,268	13,614	16,960	20,306	23,652				

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE CASH COSTS

PRICE		YIELD (ton/acre)											
\$/ton	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	6.50	7.50						
500	-2,391	-2,045	-1,700	-1,354	-1,008	-662	-316						
1,000	-1,641	-795	50	896	1,742	2,588	3,434						
1,500	-891	455	1,800	3,146	4,492	5,838	7,184						
2,000	-141	1,705	3,550	5,396	7,242	9,088	10,934						
2,500	609	2,955	5,300	7,646	9,992	12,338	14,684						
3,000	1,359	4,205	7,050	9,896	12,742	15,588	18,434						
3,500	2,109	5,455	8,800	12,146	15,492	18,838	22,184						

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE TOTAL COSTS

PRICE		YIELD (ton/acre)											
\$/ton	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	6.50	7.50						
500	-7,352	-7,006	-6,661	-6,315	-5,969	-5,623	-5,277						
1,000	-6,602	-5,756	-4,911	-4,065	-3,219	-2,373	-1,527						
1,500	-5,852	-4,506	-3,161	-1,815	-469	877	2,223						
2,000	-5,102	-3,256	-1,411	435	2,281	4,127	5,973						
2,500	-4,352	-2,006	339	2,685	5,031	7,377	9,723						
3,000	-3,602	-756	2,089	4,935	7,781	10,627	13,473						
3,500	-2,852	494	3,839	7,185	10,531	13,877	17,223						

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UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Table 7. WHOLE FARM ANNUAL EQUIPMENT, INVESTMENT, AND BUSINESS OVERHEAD COSTS INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Lassen Counties

					Cash Ove		
		Yrs	Salvage	Capital	Insur-		
Yr Description	Price	Life	Value	Recovery	ance	Taxes	Total
05 Flail Mower	3,500	20	177	301	13	18	332
05 Mower (rotary)	1,000	20	0	87	3	5	96
05 Harvest Bins	500	20	26	43	2	3	47
05 JD 28 Tractor with loader	18,000	20	5,000	1,435	79	115	1,629
05 Pickup	40,000	5	17,927	6,319	200	290	6,808
05 Disk	2,500	20	489	205	10	15	230
05 Vine Sprayer	1,500	20	318	122	6	9	138
05 Trailer for Tractor	1,800	20	442	145	8	11	164
05 Trailer for Pickup	2,500	20	0	218	9	13	239
TOTAL	71,300		24,379	8,875	330	478	9,683
50% of New Cost *	35,650		12,190	4,437	165	239	4,842

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT COSTS

ANNUAL INVESTMENT COSTS

				-	Ca			
		Yrs	Salvage	Capital	Insur-			
Description	Price	Life	Value	Recovery	ance	Taxes	Repairs	Total
Establishment	49,626	22		4,125	171	248	993	5,537
Land	60,000	25	60,000	3,606	0	600	0	4,206
Pump, Tank, Filter	4,500	40		299	16	23	90	427
Shop	20,000	25		1,566	69	100	400	2,135
Tools - Shop/Field	5,000	10		680	17	25	100	822
Well	10,000	40		665	35	50	200	950
TOTAL INVESTMENT	149,126		60,000	10,941	307	1,046	1,783	14,078

ANNUAL BUSINESS OVERHEAD COSTS

	Units/		Price/	Total
Description	Farm	Unit	Unit	Cost
Liability Insurance	6	acre	71.50	429
Office Expense	3	acre	166.67	500

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION **Table 8. HOURLY EQUIPMENT COSTS** INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Lassen Counties

		COSTS PER HOUR							
	Actual	_	Cash Overhead		Operating				
	Hours	Capital	Insur-			Fuel &	Total	Total	
Yr Description	Used	Recovery	ance	Taxes	Repairs	Lube	Oper.	Costs/Hr.	
05 Flail Mower	3	50.10	2.12	3.07	1.25	0.00	1.25	56.54	
05 Mower (rotary)	18	2.42	0.10	0.14	0.32	0.00	0.32	2.98	
05 Harvest Bins	17	1.28	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.00	0.06	1.47	
05 JD 28 Tractor with loader	70	10.22	0.57	0.82	0.18	2.22	2.40	14.01	
05 Pickup	77	41.14	1.30	1.89	2.47	4.82	7.29	51.62	
05 Disk	18	5.69	0.29	0.42	0.31	0.00	0.31	6.71	
05 Vine Sprayer	15	4.08	0.21	0.30	0.22	0.00	0.22	4.81	
05 Trailer for Tractor	8	9.07	0.48	0.70	0.22	0.00	0.22	10.47	
05 Trailer for Pickup	17	6.49	0.26	0.37	0.30	0.00	0.30	7.42	

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UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION **Table 9. OPERATIONS WITH EQUIPMENT** INTERMOUNTAIN REGION - Shasta & Lassen Counties

				Non-Machine			
	Operation			Labor	Material	Broadcast	
Operation	Month	Tractor	Implement	(hrs/acre)		Rate/acre	Unit
Cultural:							
Prune: (hand)	Mar			20.00			
Prune: Tie vines/canes	Mar			4.00	Vine Ties	3.00	rolls
Prune: Chop Prunings	Mar	JD 28	Flail Mower				
Weed: Spray Vine Rows (Roundup)	Feb	JD 28	Trailer	1.00	Roundup	6.00	pt
Weed: Disk Middles	Mar	JD 28	Disk				
Disease: Mildew . Insect: Leafhopper	Apr	JD 28	Sprayer		Wettable Sulfur	3.00	lb
					Provado	0.75	oz
Spread fertilizer (hand)	Apr	JD 28	Trailer	1.00	15-15-15	80.00	lb
Irrigate: (water & labor)	Apr	JD 28	Trailer	2.00	Water	2.00	acin
	May	JD 28	Trailer	3.00	Water	3.00	acin
	June	JD 28	Trailer	4.00	Water	4.00	acin
	July	JD 28	Trailer	6.00	Water	6.00	acin
	Aug	JD 28	Trailer	4.00	Water	4.00	acin
	Sept	JD 28	Trailer	2.00	Water	2.00	acin
Canopy Management: Shoot Position, Tie, Cluster Thin	May			4.00	Vine Ties	1.00	each
	Jun			4.00	Vine Ties	1.00	each
	Jul			4.00	Vine Ties	1.00	each
Disease: Mildew (sulfur)	Mar	JD 28	Sprayer		Wettable Sulfur	3.00	lb
	Apr	JD 28	Sprayer		Wettable Sulfur	3.00	lb
	May	JD 28	Sprayer		Wettable Sulfur	3.00	lb
	May	JD 28	Sprayer		Wettable Sulfur	3.00	lb
Weed: Mow Middles	Sept	JD 28	Mower				
Harvest: Pick & Haul	Oct	Pickup	Trailer w/bins	Picking	Contract	120.00	\$/ton