

WINE VARIETIES - Cost of Establishing a Vineyard
Cost Analysis Worksheet, 1980

Based on a 120-acre unit, vines spaced at 7' x 12'. Labor costs at \$4.50 and \$5.50 per hour total. Tractor per hour cash costs at \$3.90, depreciation at \$2.10 and interest at \$1.20. Charges include Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, insurance, and all other fringe benefits.

	Costs Per Acre		
	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
Yield (Tons/Acre)	-	-	4
Pre-Harvest Cash Costs:			
Fumigate: materials and application	\$ 240.		
Pre-plant weed control: materials and application	19.		
Land preparation: chisel, disc, float, etc.	125.		
Rootings: 519 (+25, 2nd year) @ 35¢	182.	\$ 9.	
Trim and misc. planting labor: 8 hrs. labor + 1½ hrs. 2nd yr.	36.	7.	
Machine planting: \$52/acre	52.		
Stakes (treated): 519 7-foot steel @ \$1.17		607.	
End posts (treated): 11 8-foot @ \$5.		55.	
Stake and set end posts: 17¢ stakes + \$4. end posts		132.	
Wire: 246 lbs. 13 gauge high tensile (3 wires @ 40¢/lb.)		98.	
String three wires and staple		60.	
Training and suckering: 40 hrs. labor, 2nd yr.; 10 hrs. labor, 3rd yr.		180.	\$ 45.
Tying materials		11.	5.
Prune and tie: 5 hrs. labor, 2nd yr.; 12 hrs. labor, 3rd yr.		23.	54.
Rabbit control	13.	7.	
Irrigation labor: 5 hrs. each year @ \$5.50	28.	28.	28.
Water-power and/or district tax	30.	38.	53.
Irrigation preparation and cultivation: 6 hrs. labor + 4 tractor hrs., 1st yr.; then 8 hrs. labor + 4 tractor hrs.	47.	56.	56.
Fertilizer: 35¢ applied (30 lbs. N, 2nd yr., 50 lbs. N, 3rd yr.)		11.	18.
Mildew control: 2 hrs. labor + 1½ tractor hrs. + materials \$7.			24.
Pest management and materials			40.
Herbicide		18.	20.
Misc. labor and materials, including 1 hr. labor + 1 tractor hr.	24.	20.	24.
County taxes	45.	45.	65.
Repairs, except tractor	24.	21.	24.
Business and office costs, operating capital, insurance, etc.	69.	114.	36.
TOTAL PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS	\$ 934.	\$1540.	\$ 492.
Harvest Costs:			
Contract - \$40/ton - pick and haul			\$ 160.
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS			\$ 160.
TOTAL CASH COSTS	\$ 934.	\$1540.	\$ 652.
Depreciation:			
Irrigation system: \$565, 20 yr. life	\$ 28.	\$ 28.	\$ 28.
Bldgs. & equip., except tractor: \$367, 12 yr. life	31.	31.	31.
Tractor: \$2.10/hr.	11.	11.	13.
TOTAL DEPRECIATION	\$ 70.	\$ 70.	\$ 72.

Interest on Investment at 11%:			
Irrigation system: 1/2 cost \$283	\$ 31.	\$ 31.	\$ 31.
Bldgs. & equip., except tractor: 1/2 cost \$183	20.	20.	20.
Tractor: \$1.20/hour	6.	6.	7.
Land: \$3500/acre	385.	385.	385.
Interest on accumulated costs		159.	402.
TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT	\$ 442.	\$ 601.	\$ 845.
TOTAL COST FOR THE YEAR	\$1446.	\$2211.	\$1569.
CREDIT FOR FRUIT @ \$125/TON			\$ 500.
NET COST FOR THE YEAR	\$1446.	\$2211.	\$1069.
TOTAL ACCUMULATED COST	\$1446.	\$3657.	\$4726.

ABOUT THIS SHEET

This sheet is one of a series on sample costs of establishing vineyards in the San Joaquin Valley. This series includes: Thompson Seedless for Raisins or Wine, Thompson Seedless for Table Use, Wine Varieties, Cordon Trained Spur-Pruned Table grapes, Emperor, Ribier or Cardinal. These input and cost data are to be used only as guides in determining the costs of establishing a specific vineyard. They are not intended to represent industry averages.

LAND PREPARATION - The cost of leveling land for irrigation is included in the land value. Additional costs may include chiseling or deep ripping.

ROOTINGS - Cost is based on planting rooted cuttings. When cuttings are planted directly in the vineyard, the overall cost of cuttings, planting, and replanting is sometimes less.

IRRIGATION - Irrigation labor and water sample costs are based on a pumping system with pipeline. When all the water is from an irrigation district, the investment overhead costs of depreciation and interest on irrigation facilities are normally lower.

PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL - Dusting and spraying costs may vary considerably from year to year. Control measures required also vary between vineyards. The sample costs shown on this sheet are based on average conditions.

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