

Introduction to Vineyard Establishment

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KANZA VINEYARDS
CHAPMAN CREEK VINEYARDS

About the Operation

- Manage Kanza Vineyards (5 acres) for wine grape production
- French hybrids- chambourcin, tramminette, & vignole
- Chapman Creek Vineyards (4 acres)-wine grape production
- vinifera hybrids/vinifera



Getting Started-Things to Consider

- Do you have a good property for vines?
- Soil-Limestone, Sandstone, Coarse/Fine soils
- Hard pan, concave/convex, water holding/drainage
- Topography/elevation-% of slope, direction of slope
- Air drainage/accessible to machinery
- Acreage available-what are your goals for the vineyard?-(ie.) Commercial production vs. home use/future expansions
- Water for irrigation?



Most Important

- DO YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS?
- Grapevines DO NOT like 2-4-D or DICAMBA.
- Any driftable herbicide/pesticide
- Cultivate a relationship with neighbors/applicators to help mitigate drift issues
- You will get drift no matter what in KS
- DRIFT WATCH!!!!
- Signs/brochures/letters.

Economics/Logistics

- Size of vineyard-
- How are your rows oriented? (longer rows are more economical.)
- Location of vineyard-transportation of equipment/accessibility
- Machinery/Mechanization
- Available Labor
- Harvest Logistics-
- Amount of grapes, distance to winery, timing of different varieties. (Refrigerated truck/custom crush)



Vine Selection

- Cold Hardiness-What zone are you in?
- Refer to site selection parameters-(slide 3)
- Variety? Rootstock?
- Ask wineries what varieties they want
- Variety characteristics-growth habits and fruit will greatly determine trellis systems and harvest logistics and labor



Contact Info

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