



LIVE Newsletter for Summer of 2008

It's been quite a spring (?), if you can even call it that, in our little corner of the world. Word on the street is that most vineyards are about three weeks behind, but hopefully with some good summer weather we can play a little catch-up. In the meantime, here is a little light reading for a cloudy day.

2008 Inspections

Inspections will be here before you know it. If you are a new member, or you are in an inspection year, you will be contacted later in the summer by one of our inspectors to arrange a site visit. We ask that you fill out all forms electronically this year. Everything you need is available on our website, www.liveinc.org, or through direct request.

This next part is very important and cannot be stressed enough. If you were billed for inspection, your vineyard is in an inspection year. If this is the case, you must make every effort possible to fill out your scorecard and required records **PRIOR TO YOUR INSPECTION**. If you are in a non-inspection year, your required records are due no later than November 30th. If you submit your records late you may receive a **NON-PASS** determination for 2008.

The following records must be submitted to LIVE (forms can be found in the LIVE scorecard workbook, which can be downloaded on our website):

- Pesticide Reporting
- Fertilizer Reporting
- Irrigation Reporting
- Updated Vineyard Map with minimum 5% bio-compensation zone outlined (if your map has changed since your last submission)

The following records need not be submitted to LIVE, but must be maintained and presented to the inspector during your site visit:

- Soil Analysis (within last 7 years)
- Tissue Analysis (within last 3 years)
- Sprayer Calibration (annual)
- Sprayer Maintenance (within last 2 years)
- Applications of LIVE's Green List of Vine Protection Guidelines with date, plot and type of activity
- Key Pest Occurrences

If you have any questions about any of the above, please email chris@liveinc.org.

Annual Meeting:

Our annual meeting was a great success due to all those who attended (over 80 people!) and the amazing interest in sustainable viticulture that is now coursing through Oregon. Thank you to all who attended and to Willamette Valley Vineyards for hosting!



LIVE and OVID update

In April LIVE and OWB conducted OVID technical upgrade interviews with 10 vineyard managers. These interviews went incredibly well and provided us with a wealth of information for both short- and long-term upgrades and solutions for the OVID/LIVE integration. Vineyard managers across the board expressed excitement at the improvements that have been made to OVID in the past year. Eventually members will be able to enter all annual reporting in one place on the web. We will keep you posted on the progress.

Vinewise Update:

LIVE is in final preparations for certifications of Washington vineyards through the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers (WAWGG) Vinewise program. This will substantially increase the acreage that is certified sustainable to LIVE standards in the northwest. We are grateful to WAWGG for this tremendous opportunity to expand our mission to many more Washington growers. More information will be made available in a future newsletter as events unfold.

A Call for Involvement:

LIVE is currently working on a number of projects aimed at addressing both administrative and membership needs. If you would like to be involved, we welcome volunteers and in-kind support. Listed below are some opportunities to help LIVE:

Winemakers: As LIVE expands its services to winery certifications later this summer, we will be forming a winery technical committee to deal specifically with enology issues. Any interested parties please contact us.

Donations: Pressed for time, but want to help out? LIVE is happy to accept your tax deductible donations, which will go towards worthy projects for 2008.

To participate in these projects or to donate, please e-mail chris@liveinc.org.

Some helpful links:

University Research Programs:

Oregon State University - <http://wine.oregonstate.edu>

University of Washington - <http://winegrapes.wsu.edu>

Cornell University - <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/fst/faculty/henick/>

UC Davis - <http://wineserver.ucdavis.edu>

Fresno State - <http://cati.csufresno.edu/verc/>

Sustainable Viticulture in Washington:

Vinea - <http://www.vineatrust.com>

Vinewise - <http://www.vinewise.org>



And of Course:

LIVE – <http://www.liveinc.org>

If you have any helpful links to research or industry happenings, please e-mail chris@liveinc.org (are you seeing a pattern?) for inclusion in the fall 2008 newsletter.

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Until next time...