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2:30 pm – 3:30 pm



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# High Elevation/High Latitude Seminar: Wine Growing in the Edge

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# Disclaimer



Start with a joke



# Program



- History
- Philosophy
- Farming Practices
- Mountain Stuff
- Recommendations

# History

- Purchased in 1973
- Asked for advise
- Used best possible methods
- ‘Shotgun’ approach
- ‘82-’83 crash
- The late-80’s do-over



# Philosophy



- Make a Profit!
- Tread Lightly
- Multiple Customers
- Finding Them
- No Lot Too Small!
- Service After the Sale
- Vineyard Designate?

# Farming Practices

- Shallow Soils
- Weed Control
- Disbudding
- VSP/Quad/T-top/Head
- 3 Fruit Drop Passes?
- Irrigation
- Keep Those Leaves
- Sugar Sampling
- Harvest=NUTS!





# Mountain Issues



- Mountain farming is SO easy!

# Issues!

- No Frost!!!



# High & Dry?



Keep Out!

# Critter Issues

- Bugs Too!
- You Must Fence
- Lots of Mammals
- No Netting!
- Turkeys



# Watch Your Step!



- Snake Policy

# It's not for Water!

- Coyotes Stink!



# Owls Rock!



- It Took a Year
- Gopher down 75%
- No More Trapping!
- Wild Wing Co.

# Some Other thoughts...

- Water, Design Well
- Ripping, Not Too Much
- Rock or Grass Avenues
- Big Turns!





That's It!

