

WASHINGTON STATE

AN OVERVIEW

WASHINGTON'S FIRST WINE GRAPES WERE PLANTED AT FORT VANCOUVER BY THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY IN 1825. BY 1910 WINE GRAPES WERE GROWING IN MANY AREAS OF THE STATE. FOLLOWING THE PATH OF EARLY SETTLERS FRENCH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS PIONEERED THE EARLIEST PLANTINGS. WINE HISTORIANS RON IRVINE AND DR WALTER CLORE DOCUMENT IN THEIR BOOK THE WINE PROJECT A CONTINUOUS AND CONNECTED EFFORT TO CULTIVATE WINE GRAPES BEGINNING WITH THOSE EARLY PLANTINGS AT FORT VANCOUVER. HYBRID VARIETIES ARRIVED IN NURSERIES IN THE PUGET SOUND REGION AS EARLY AS 1854 AND BY 1860 WINE GRAPES WERE PLANTED IN THE WALLA WALLA VALLEY.

THE TREND FOR QUALITY WINE PRODUCTION STARTED BY A FEW HOME WINEMAKERS AND VISIONARY FARMERS HAS BECOME A RESPECTED AND INFLUENTIAL 3 BILLION PLUS INDUSTRY. WASHINGTON WINE IS AVAILABLE IN 50 STATES AND MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES GLOBALLY WASHINGTON RANKS SECOND NATIONALLY FOR PREMIUM WINE PRODUCTION AND 43 000 ACRES 17 401 HECTARES ARE PLANTED TO VINIFERA GRAPES.

WASHINGTON'S WINE FUTURE IS LIMITLESS AS CONSUMERS DISCOVER THE QUALITY OF WASHINGTON WINES. DEMAND CONTINUES TO GROW NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY INCREASING WASHINGTON'S STATUS AS A PREMIUM VITICULTURAL REGION. NEW ACREAGE AND WINE VARIETALS ARE PLANTED AND NEW WINERIES ARE OPENING AT A REMARKABLE PACE.

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