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History of Bacchus and Dionysus Vineyards

The Originals of 1972-73 and Today

(The Messy Inbetween)

Bacchus and Dionysus in White Bluffs AVA

Bacchus and Dionysus Vineyards – Key Attributes

1. 500-900 ft.
2. About 3100 DD.
3. Air Drainage
4. Test of time!
5. Planted 72-73



Dionysus ----1973-2024

Removal Year

Gamay Beaujolais-1981

Zinfandel-1979

Gewurztraminer -1988

Grey Riesling - 1981

White Riesling - 2020

Pinot Noir - 1997

Muscat Blanc -1996



Vineyard				
Dionysus	Variety - Spacing	Variety	Variety	Variety
	1973	1997	1988	2024
11	Gewurztraminer - 8x10	1981	Cabernet Sauvignon - 6x10 2012 to 2015	Cabernet Sauvignon
12	Grey Riesling - 8x10	Chardonnay - 6x10 1997	Cabernet Sauvignon - 4x8 2004-2023	Cabernet Sauvignon
13 (13a,b,c)	Chardonnay - 8x10	Chardonnay - 6x10	Petit Verdot - 4x8 & 6x10 1999	Petit Verdot
14	Semillon - 8x10		Cabernet Sauvignon - 6x10 1991	Cabernet Sauvignon
15	White Riesling - 8x10		Merlot - 6x10	Merlot
16a	Cabernet Sauvignon - 8x10			Cabernet Sauvignon
16b	Zinfandel - 8x10	1980 Merlot - 6x10	2024 Cabernet Franc - 5x8	Cabernet Franc
17	White Riesling - 8x10		2021 17a - Cabernet Sauvignon 17b- Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot
18	White Riesling - 8x10		2000 Cabernet Sauvignon - 6x10	Cabernet Sauvignon
19	Chardonnay - 8x10	1997 Chardonnay - 6x10		Chardonnay
20	Gamay Beaujolais- 8x10	1981 Pinot Noir 6x10	1997 Semillon 6x10	Semillon
20A	Gamay Beaujolais- 8x10	Pinot Noir 6x10	Chardonnay 6x10	Chardonnay
20B	Gamay Beaujolais- 8x10	Muscat Blanc 6x10	Semillon 6x10	Open

Bacchus ---- 1972-2024

- Chenin Blanc

- Removed in 1990 and 1996 due to low prices

- Old vines from 1972

Cab Sauv

Sauv Blanc



Bacchus	Variety 1972	Variety	Variety 1997	Variety 2024
1a	Sauvignon Blanc - 8x10		Merlot 6x10	Syrah 1f Semillon 1e
1	Chardonnay - 8x10	1997 Chardonnay - 6x10	2005 Riesling - 1b & 1c	Riesling
1d	Cabernet Sauvignon 8x10	1997 Chardonnay - 6x10	2024 Sauvignon Blanc - 5x8	Sauvignon Blanc
2	Cabernet Sauvignon 8x10	Cabernet Franc - 6x10		Cabernet Franc
3	Cabernet Sauvignon 8x10			Cabernet Sauvignon
4	White Riesling 8x10	1997 Merlot 6x10		Merlot
5	Sauvignon Blanc - 8x10			Sauvignon Blanc
5a	Sauvignon Blanc - 8x10	1993 Syrah - 6x10		Syrah
6 a,b, 6c	Sauvignon Blanc - 8x10	1997 Sauvignon Blanc 6x10		Sauvignon Blanc Sauvignon Blanc
7	Chenin Blanc - 8x10	1990 Chardonnay- 6x10		Chardonnay
7C		1981 Chenin Blanc 6x10	1990 CS, CH, CF	2005 Cabernet Sauvignon
8	Merlot - 8x10	1997 Merlot 6x10		Merlot
9	Cabernet Sauvignon - 8x10			Cabernet Sauvignon
9a, b		1981 Chenin Blanc 6x10	1996 Cabernet Sauvignon 4x10	Cabernet Sauvignon
10	Cabernet Sauvignon - 8x10			Cabernet Sauvignon
10A	Cabernet Sauvignon - 8x10	1997 Merlot 6x10		Merlot

Varieties removed because-----

- Chenin Blanc – low price, fruit quality good, survived freezes
- Gamay Beaujolais – low prices, survived freezes
- Pinot Noir – low prices, survived freezes
- Muscat Blanc – bunch rot, low prices
- Zinfandel – not ripe, rot, but survived freezes
- Gewurztraminer- poor prices, low yields, survived freezes
- Semillon – good quality, low prices, survived freezes



Varieties being planted or kept.....

- Cabernet Sauvignon – old vines and planting more
- Merlot – well adapted and proven quality
- Petit Verdot – well adapted and proven quality
- Chardonnay – slowly removing
- Sauvignon Blanc – well adapted and proven quality
- Semillon – proven, market demanding more
- Syrah – proven quality, planting more on specific site.
- Riesling – keeping some but not expanding
- Cabernet Franc – well adapted, planting more



2024 and beyond....

- Plant small quantities to test market and site against known varieties of comparable attributes for the AVA you are in
- Plant blocks with same soil character throughout- this was not a Clore advisory.
- Plant with mechanization potential-otherwise you will get costed out of business in a down market
- Plant on appropriate rootstock and clone-the true test going forward for our industry.
- If not an estate vineyard- diversify varieties and customers

Sauvignon Blanc - Semillon

- Sauvignon Blanc has been successful at Bacchus since 1972
 - Vines have not been cut back, - the oldest in WA.
- Semillon is complimentary in a blend based on style
- We make two styles, broadly defined as BDX or Sancerre with fruit from the same rows.
- WA grows world class SB and the market has found us...
- Winemakers took note about 2010 and a movement started.
- It is our leading white wine because our sites do it well!!!

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