

Cannon River Winery & Vineyard
Cannon Falls, Minnesota

Founders ~ John & Maureen Maloney

20 Acre Vineyard established ~ 2001

Current Number of Grape Varietals ~ 15

Winery opened ~ Fall 2004

Mission Statement

To produce wine of world-class
quality in Minnesota.

Bareroot Vines and Grow Tubes

- Root prune dormant rootstock to 9"-12"
- Keep roots wet
- Plant early spring
- Dig hole 20"-24" wide; 10"-12" deep
- Prune dormant vine back to 1 or 2 buds
- Water well after planting to set soil
- Install grow tube within one week of planting
- After bud break but before vines reach top of tube, open tube and select best shoot for trunk
- Pull weeds growing inside grow tube

Removing Grow Tubes

First week of August:

Acclimate vine to outside environment by opening and loosening grow tube from the soil.

Mid-August:

Cut grow tube from stake and remove completely from vine.

Ideally done on a cloudy day.

Harvesting Your Fruit

—The Dude Vineyard Approach—

Points to Consider

- Harvest dates are a moving target and subject to change
- Keep sessions short ~ 3 hours
- The more the merrier ~ 20-50 pickers
- Provide lunch and/or snacks and plenty of water
- Provide harvest shears
- Look into hook harvesters
- First aid kit at the ready

Begin Session with Educational Component

- Fruit variety to be picked
- Initial parameters - pH & Brix readings
- Wine to be made from this fruit
- Safety concerns:
 - bees may sting
 - harvest shears are sharp
 - lugs weigh 15-25 lbs.

Varieties of Grapes We Have Planted

Whites

LaCrosse*
St. Pepin
Edelweiss
LaCrescent
Frontenac Gris*
Prairie Star
Louise Swenson
Alpenglow*

Reds

Frontenac
Foch*
Marquette
Sabrevois

*indicates grapes we may eliminate

Table Grapes – Somerset Seedless
King of the North
Bluebell

Encapsulating with Bird Netting

Allows for work to continue:

- Pruning
- Cluster thinning
- Shoot thinning

Keeps netting from getting tangled in fruit clusters.

Keeps vines from growing through netting.

Less bird mortality.

May help prevent hail damage.

Harvesting can be done with netting in place.

Opening Your Vineyard to the Public

Customers want to experience vineyards.

Offer tours, picnics, pick your own fruit.

Sell grapes from produce stand on site.

May need special permits for special events.

Check local zoning ordinances.

Work to make your vineyard a showcase.

Vineyard Site Selection

The Most Important Aspect in Your Planning

South facing slopes

Full sun

Well-drained soils

Hillsides and bluff tops

Plan the Work, then Work the Plan

Plan every aspect from site selection and planting.....to
harvesting and selling your fruit.

*We Don't Compete, we Complement
each Other*