Value Added Agriculture Program

Help in Addressing the Challenges to Entering the Vineyard and Winery Industry

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Vineyard Challenges

- 1. Steep & Complicated Learning Curve
- 2. Establishing a new network of Friends, Advisors & Vendors
- 3. Know & Inform your neighbors of 2,4-D/dicamba drift.
- 4. Selecting the correct site.
- 5. Organic does not mean, DO NOTHING!
- 6. Cost & Time Requirements.
- 7. Be ready for birds!!



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Winery Challenges

- 1. VERY steep and complicated learning curve.
- 2. HUGE Cost & Time requirements
- 3. Ignoring what you like and make what the market demands.
- 4. Industry "EGO" factor hampers unity.
- 5. Objective tasting room advice.
- 6. Finding experienced employees.

