

Post-Harvest Vineyard Checklist

Vines

- Remove any remaining fruit.
- Remove diseased or dying vines
- Ensure vines are adequately tied to wires
- Order replacement vines from nursery

Trellis

- Repair damaged fruiting or catch wire
- Replace or straighten bent posts
- Realign end posts and install earth anchors if necessary
- If using wire tensioners on the fruiting wire, ease tension in advance of cold weather

Vineyard floor

- Rake or mulch pruned canes lying on the ground
- Fill deep wheel tracks or erosion holes to reduce stress on irrigation, tillage, and harvest equipment
- Add compost if needed
- Plant winter cover crops

Irrigation

- Inspect for leaks at pressure regulator, filter, fertigation, and control unit
- Change the controller schedule to reflect the current season and irrigation needs
- Check electrical connections of all wires to control unit, and rain, wind, or soil moisture sensors
- Replace the back-up battery
- Clean or replace sand filter
- Drain or blow out lines with air compressor

Equipment

- Clean and oil metal tools; pruners, loppers, shovels, etc
- Change oil and filter in tractors and mowers
- Change air filter in tractors and mowers
- Sharpen or replace mower / brush hog blades