WINERY ECONOMICS

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OUTLINE

• World, US and PNW Wine Industry

- Economics of investing in and operating smaller premium wineries in the Pacific Northwest
- Pricing, product mix, and investment alternatives

WORLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION

• World wine production in 2010

- 263,900,000 hl
- World wine consumption in 2010
 - 238,000,000 hl
- Supply > Demand?

TOP WINE PRODUCING COUNTRIES

Country	% of World Production
Italy	18.4%
France	17.3%
Spain	13.7%
USA	7.4%
Argentina	6.0%
China	4.9%

TOP WINE CONSUMING COUNTRIES

Country	% of World Consumption
France	12.4%
USA	11.4%
Italy	10.3%
Germany	8.5%
China	6.0%
UK	5.5%

WINE SALES IN THE U.S.- 2002 TO 2012 IN MILLIONS OF GALLONS

Year	Table Wine	Dessert Wine	Champagne/ Sparkling Wine	Total Wine	Total Retail Value (billion)
2012 (Est.)	749	65	42	856	\$34.6
2011	724	71	41	836	\$32.9
2010	681	66	37	784	\$30.0
2009	666	64	33	764	\$28.7
2008	650	65	32	746	\$30.0
2007	647	62	33	742	\$30.4
2006	627	57	32	717	\$27.8
2005	609	52	31	692	\$25.8
2004	589	45	31	665	\$24.0
2003	570	40	29	639	\$22.3
2002	552	37	28	617	\$21.8

TABLE WINE VOLUME BY COLOR IN U.S. SUPERMARKETS

COLOR	1991	1995	2008	2009
Red	17%	25%	44%	47%
White	49%	41%	42%	40%
Blush	34%	34%	14%	13%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Based on U.S. supermarket data from ACNielsen.

CURRENT WINE SALES SITUATION

o 2012 wine sales in U.S.

- 856 million gallons
- \$34.6 billion value
- Since 2000 sales growth value has been 80%
- Premium table wines priced at \$7 or more per 750 ml account for:
 - Fastest growing market segment in sales, most profitable

NUMBER OF WINERIES

Bonded

U.S.

7,600+

Washington

780+

Oregon

460+

Washington and Oregon Production and Acreage 2001-2011

Tonnage



Acres

NUMBER OF VINEYARDS AND TONNAGE IN SOUTHERN OREGON, 2002-2011



WINERY ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Winery & Vineyard Workbooks

- <u>http://www.agmrc.org/commodities_products/fruits/win</u> e/winery_and_vineyard_feasibility_workbooks.cfm
- http://www.wawgg.org/
- Industry info
- Starting a Winery or Vineyard

- o Online Calculator
 - http://www.nwgrapecalculators.org/
 - http://www.nwwinerycalculators.org/

ECONOMICS OF SMALL WASHINGTON WINERIES

- 500 to 10,000 cases of premium wines
- Economic-engineering approach
- Estimate the initial investment, operating costs, and financial returns

NO STANDARD WINERY

- Juice yield
- Quality of wine
- Temperatures and length of time of the fermentation process
- Length of aging process
- Use of oak cooperage
- Labor and capital intensity
- Bottling dates
- Marketing methods
- Access to grapes
- o Etc.

INFORMATION GENERATED IN THE ANALYSIS

- Identify the personnel and capital assets required to construct & operate 6 wineries of various sizes between 500 and 10K annual case production
- Calculate the total dollar investment required to construct each winery
- Estimate annual operating costs for each winery
- Calculate annual cash flow for each winery
- Calculate net present value (NPV), internal rate of return (IRR), equity payback, and debt recovery for each size winery

INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

- o 2,000 case winery
- o Product Mix
 - 25% White
 - 75% Red
- o Inflation cost of 2% annually
- o No bulk wine
- 150 gallons/ton juice recovery
- o Cooperage
 - 100% of reds and 50% whites
 - 30% new purchased annually

CAPITAL ASSETS- RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

Receiving Equipment		•	Ship/	
	Units	Cost	Install	Total
Tons of grapes required based on w recovery	vinery si	ze and juice		34.3
Picking Bins	20	\$300.00	\$15.00	\$6,300,00
Hopper	1	\$11,000.00	\$550.00	\$11,550.00
3-4 tons/hr Stemmer/Crusher	1	\$6,495.00	\$324.75	\$6,819.75
900 lb Membrane Press	1	\$18,500.00	\$925.00	\$19,425.00
1.5-30 gpm, 2" TC Must Pump	1	\$5,873.00	\$293.65	\$6,166.65
5,000 lb, 42in. x 42in. Platform Scale	1	\$1,200.00	\$60.00	\$1,260.00
Must Lines, 3" plastic flex (feet)	0	\$6.21	\$0.31	\$0.00
Other	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL			-	\$51,521.40

TOTAL INVESTMENT COSTS BY EQUIPMENT CATEGORY (\$)

Cost Category	2000 Case Winery
Receiving Equipment	\$51,521.40
Bottling Equipment	\$0.00
Cellar Equipment	\$14,769.11
Materials Handling	\$54,631.50
Refrigeration	\$14,700.00
Fermentation/Storage	\$48,783.00
Cooperage	\$50,137.50
Tasting Room	\$7,490.70
Plant and Office	<u>\$510,000.00</u>
Total Investment Costs	\$752,133.21

TOTAL INVESTMENT & PER UNIT COSTS (\$)

Cost Category	,
<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Cost</u>
\$/Case	\$376.07
\$/Gallon	\$158.17
\$/750 ml	\$31.34



OPERATING COSTS

- Equipment, land and operating financing
- Grape costs
 - \$1,000/ton whites and \$2,000/ton reds
- Bottling timeline and mobile bottling costs
- Packaging
- o Labor
- Other variable and fixed costs

VARIABLE (OPERATING) COSTS BY WINERY SIZE

Variable Cost	10 Year Avg	\$/Case
Grapes	\$65,726	\$32.86
Packaging	\$39,112	\$19.56
Mobile Bottling	\$8,856	\$4.43
Taxes and Dues	\$14,940	\$7.47
Full Time Labor	\$38,631	\$19.32
Part Time Labor	\$12,811	\$6.41
Marketing	\$14,235	\$7.12
Utilities & Supplies	\$2,497	\$1.25
Cellar Supplies	\$3,920	\$1.96
Other	\$12,127	\$6.06
Total Avg. VC	\$212,855	\$106.43

FIXED COSTS BY WINERY SIZE (\$)

Fixed Cost	10 Year Avg	\$/Case
Insurance	\$2,234	\$1.12
Maintenance	\$3,285	\$1.64
Property Tax	\$6,833	\$3.42
Depreciation	\$40,527	\$20.26
Interest	\$28,750	\$14.38
Total Fixed		
Costs	\$81,628	\$40.81

TOTAL, VARIABLE, AND FIXED COSTS BY WINERY SIZE (\$)

Cost Category	10 Year Avg	\$/Case
Total Variable Costs	\$212,855	\$106.43
Total Fixed Costs	\$81,628	\$40.81
TOTAL COSTS	\$294,483	\$147.24

ASSUMPTIONS MADE IN CALCULATING CASH FLOWS

• A 2% inflation rate was used

- Any and all additional injection of capital beyond initial outlays at time 0 are 100% equity financed
- In the first year, Riesling was sold, in second year Merlot and Chardonnay, and in the third year all varieties were sold

• Wine pricing

- \$20.00/bottle or \$240/case tasting room
- \$15.00/bottle or \$180/case direct to retail
- \$11.25/bottle or \$135/case wholesale

WINERY SALES

 Tasting room sales accounted for as % of premium cases sold

	Sales (%)	Price/bottle (\$)
Tasting Room	75%	\$18.00
Direct to Retail	10%	\$15.00
Wholesale	15%	\$11.25

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Earnings Before Taxes + <u>Carryover Loss</u> **Taxable Income**

Taxable Income - <u>Income Tax</u> Gross Cash Flow

Gross Cash Flow

+ Depreciation

- Principal Payments

Net Cash Flow



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY OF INVESTMENT

• Net Present Value (NPV)

- 11% discount rate
- Internal Rate of Return (IRR)
- Equity payback period
- Discounted payback period

CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS

		Discounted
Year	Cash Flow	Cash Flow
1	(\$397,796.89)	(\$397,796.89)
2	(\$239,163.52)	(\$215,462.63)
3	\$88,351.16	\$71,707.78
4	\$91,951.24	\$67,233.95
5	\$95,446.11	\$62,873.31
6	\$143,283.11	\$85,031.55
7	\$119,378.78	\$63,824.77
8	\$107,492.07	\$51,774.46
9	\$104,112.31	\$45,177.09
10	\$105,995.99	\$41,436.46

NET PRESENT VALUE (NPV), INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN (IRR), EQUITY PAYBACK PERIOD, AND DISCOUNTED PAYBACK PERIOD

Winery (Cases)	NPV (\$)	IRR	Equity Payback (yrs)	Discounted Payback (yrs)
2,000	(\$124,200.15)	5.96%	>10	>10

PRODUCT PRICE AND INPUT PRICE CHANGES

• What has a greater impact on returns and NPV

- Product price change
- Grape input price change

NPV & IRR FOR A 20% PRODUCT PRICE INCREASE OR GRAPE INPUT PRICE DECREASE, 2000 CASE WINERY

Scenario	NPV	IRR
Product Price Increase (20%)	\$195,930	12.30%
Grape Price		
Decrease (20%)	(\$58,696)	8.58%

PRODUCT VERSUS GRAPE PRICE

o Impact on returns

- Product price has greater effect than grape input price
- Bottom line can be dramatically influenced with control of product price

INCUBATOR SCENARIO

• Assume start-up winery will use an existing facility

- No real estate loan
 - Monthly lease payment (\$2,000/mn)
- Keep existing capital loan
 - No equipment provided

SCENARIO COMPARISONS

	2,000 Case Winery		
Evaluation	Build Facility	Incubator	
NPV	(\$124,200)	\$56,202	
IRR	5.96%	13.67%	

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Plant and office followed by cooperage were the largest investment costs
- Economies of size exist with the wineries
- The 10,000 case winery had highest IRR and shortest payback periods
- Cooperage has significant impact on operation costs and quality
- Product sales price control has more impact on returns than grape input price
- o Incubators can have positive financial benefit

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!





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