



Seasonal Vineyard Planning Checklist

CLENDENEN VINEYARD MANAGEMENT – MONTH-BY-MONTH GUIDE

JANUARY – WINTER DORMANCY CHECK

- Inspect trellises, irrigation systems, and vineyard infrastructure
- Conduct soil tests and apply amendments
- Review vineyard insurance and risk management coverage
- Plan pruning schedules and labor allocation

FEBRUARY – PRUNING & VINE HEALTH

- Begin dormant pruning for yield optimization
- Remove diseased or weak wood
- Calibrate vineyard equipment and order supplies
- Plan any grafting or varietal adjustments

MARCH – BUD BREAK PREPARATION

- Apply preventative treatments for pests and disease
- Check irrigation and drainage systems
- Monitor soil moisture and temperature

APRIL – EARLY GROWTH MONITORING

- Track bud break and shoot development
- Adjust fertilization based on soil tests
- Plan labor for canopy management
- Set up monitoring tools for water efficiency and disease detection

MAY – CANOPY AND SHOOT MANAGEMENT

- Implement leaf thinning, shoot positioning, and trellis adjustments
- Monitor for early pest or disease signs
- Begin irrigation scheduling for uniform growth

JUNE – FLOWERING AND FRUIT SET

- Monitor weather patterns for frost or hail risk
- Ensure nutrient and water supply matches vine demand
- Scout for disease and pest hotspots





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JULY – VERAISON AND FRUIT DEVELOPMENT

- Adjust irrigation and canopy management to support fruit ripening
- Sample berries for sugar and acid levels
- Prepare for potential summer labor needs

AUGUST – PEAK GROWTH AND MONITORING

- Continue irrigation and nutrient adjustments
- Monitor fruit maturity and vine health
- Finalize harvest plans, labor allocation, and equipment readiness

SEPTEMBER – HARVEST EXECUTION

- Harvest grapes at optimal ripeness
- Coordinate labor, transport, and processing logistics
- Track yield and quality for record-keeping

OCTOBER – POST-HARVEST REVIEW

- Clean and maintain equipment and storage areas
- Conduct post-harvest soil and vine assessments
- Plan cover crops or soil amendments

NOVEMBER – WINTER PREP

- Protect vines from frost or winter damage
- Update vineyard management records and budgets
- Plan grafting or replanting for next season

DECEMBER – YEAR-END ANALYSIS

- Review performance metrics, yields, and quality
- Evaluate successes and areas for improvement
- Prepare budget, labor plans, and supply orders for the new year

ADDITIONAL NOTES / TIPS

- Keep a log of all tasks completed and any issues encountered each month
- Use color coding or icons to mark high-priority tasks or seasonal risks
- Include any vineyard-specific custom tasks, such as varietal-specific care or experimental blocks