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Field work update

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Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 10:56 AM

Hey Mira and Lizzie,

I hope your week is going well so far!
I just wanted to touch base on how everything has been going over the past week.

Bloom has completed at all the southern sites, and I'm now doing my weekly vineyard walk throughs to monitor for the start of veraison. So far, most of the varieties still have small to medium sized berries which are hard to the touch, however the Syrah in block F at Nk'mip seems to be ahead of the rest. I expect I may start to see veraison there on my next visit, but I will let you know how it goes. I've also removed all the flags that I was required to for McIntyre and Nk'mip, and will do the same when I visit Dark Horse tomorrow morning.

I'm still monitoring for bloom at Quails gate and Mannhardt. I have moved flags to new plants for all the vines that did not grow clusters, however I forgot to make notes of whether the vines were cordon or cane pruned, so once I return to Quails gate (hopefully Friday) I'll get you all that information. There are some vines that are a little behind in development in other blocks at Quails gate, and I'm wondering if I should move flags to new vines for those too, or just keep them where they are? I forgot if I asked you this already, so I apologize in advance if I missed it.

Overall, I think bloom ended up going well. I did find it challenging at times to work around weather and spray schedules, so my visits ended up being between 3-5 days. I hope that's alright. It also looks like I should be able to balance out for the extra hours I put in at the beginning, since last week and this week have been slow so far now that I'm waiting for veraison.

I also wanted to say thanks for being patient and kind over the last week. My Uncle passed away suddenly on Friday, so my focus was on spending time with family. I was able to get a few days off this weekend, and I'm feeling back on track now.

I hope this update brings you up to speed, and let me know if you have any other questions about how things are going!

Thanks again!

Cheers,
April

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Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 9:44 AM

Hi April,

Great! Thank you for the update. It sounds like you're in a good routine. I know the spray schedules can be difficult but with the waterproof tablet coming, the weather shouldn't be an issue soon!

Don't move the flag. We are aiming to capture the full range of phenology so it's fine to have late plants.

I'm sorry to hear about your uncle. I hope you're doing okay. Please reach out if you need anything!

Cheers,

Mira

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Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

To: Mira Garner <mira.garner@gmail.com>

Thanks Mira,

Thanks for the kind words :)

Sounds good. I'll keep everything as it is. Looking forward to the new tablet!

Have a good weekend!

Cheers,

April

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Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 7:56 PM

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To: April Mahovlic <aprilmahovlic@gmail.com>, Mira Garner <mira.garner@gmail.com>

Hi April,

Thank you for the update! All is well here (even decent weather finally). I am back in the swing of work but not yet on top of email so apologies.

I think Mira answered already about moving the flags (let me know if not). I have received the Mesa 2 tablet and aim to ship it out on Monday. I will let you know when it's off. It's helpful to hear about the difficulties with spray schedules and weather -- this is our first time working in diverse vineyards so we may need to adjust our expectations. I am glad to hear there's been a bit of a respite in development though (another thing that is new to us is working across a north-south climate gradient).

Thank you for being so agreeable to us! I have enjoyed working with you. My hope is to come out for the first Brix sampling (and then we could meet in person), I will be following up about that in a couple weeks once I have a sense of when to do it.

I am so sorry to hear about your uncle. I hope you took off time and are taking care of yourself and loved ones -- that's much more important than phenology data.

All the best,

Lizzie

PS: I am sorry UBC is slow with the invoice! I have seen very variable speeds from them.

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