## Vineyard to Harvest Industry Best Practices 2012

\*NOTE: Processors standards may differ from those presented below. Please contact your Processor(s) for specific winery standards.

- 1. Communication between you and the processor is key!!!
- 2. Lady Beetle (Seven spotted and/or MALB)
  - 3 Visible Lady Beetles per tonne of grapes
  - check with your processor
- 3. Volatile Acid (VA) 0.24 and lower
  - check with your processor
- 4. Brix Sampling Procedure Refer to "Wine Grape Testing Manual 2012". These manuals will be provided to you by the GGO and/or McKibbon Associates Inc. Brix Testing 2 samples per delivery must be taken.
- 5. Brix Results Brix results from Pick-up Program should be available within 24-36 hours from the time a sample is taken. Please call McKibbon Associates Inc., if you do not receive your sample results.
- 6. Rejections -All growers need a rejection slip from a winery listing the reason for rejection. All production insured growers need **two rejection slips** from different wineries and should contact their adjuster (phone numbers attached) immediately upon a rejection.
- 7. Grape Rejection Protocol refer to the "Grape Rejection Dispute Protocol" document (attached) to ensure proper steps are followed by all parties if a rejection dispute arises.
- 8. No processor or grower should leave harvested and/or delivered grapes for an unreasonable time before sampling or weighing of the grapes occurs.
- 9. Refer to the <u>GGO Regulations (enclosed)</u> made under the <u>Farm Products Marketing Act</u> in case of a dispute.

Always check with your processor prior to harvesting any grapes!