Introduction: Winemakers LLC is a company that owns three different vineyards through the Columbia Valley. There is Alder Ridge Vineyard, which is our main place of work with 828 acres of vineyard, then there is Phil Church located in Grandview WA with 232 acres, and lastly Whiskey Canyon located in Zillah WA with 90 acres that we manage. They have been contacting grape vineyard for many years to winery’s all across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho for years.

Main section: During my time at this internship I was given many tasks to uphold as a viticulture technician. These tasks include doing bud percentage earlier in the season to give an estimation of when things are going to hit fruit set. I also do lag phase cluster counts and weights to give an estimation for what the crop yield would be per acre to give to our buyers. We also do a lot of pest scouting not only for insects but for mildew, fungus, or viral infections in the plant. Some of the main insect pests we look for are mites, thrips, mealy bugs, and leafhoppers. This is something we do all the way through the season to keep up on any infestations that may occur. Right now we are working on veraison percentage, being that the first signs of veraison are happening.

Summary: This internship has really given me the skills and knowledge needed to not only work in a profession in this industry but also help me with upcoming classes in which I will need to know this information. I will now be able to go into class with previous knowledge and be better prepared for the course itself. Overall I had a great experience this summer and I feel like I learned so much from my co-workers and boss.