

Inland Desert Nursery

Inland Desert is primarily nursery that sells grapevines to just about anywhere in the US. The farm consists of numerous mother block vineyards, and Cherry orchards. The shoots of the mother block grapevines are harvested as well as the fruit off the vines.

Replanting



I mapped vineyard blocks and recorded which vines were missing, after that I placed an order for new grapevines. I then took the new vines to the vineyard, planted them, and put vine shelters on them.

Summary

During this internship I learned skills that will help me immensely in my future career. Working here has helped me respect field workers and everyone in the industry more. I also gained responsibility during this job due to the fact that most of the time I worked on my own. Overall this internship is going to help me with schoolwork and in my career.

Cluster Thinning

At the end of this internship I started cluster thinning around the vineyard. Cluster thinning allows the plant to put maximum energy into growing the shoots, which are the desired product. Cluster thinning also helps the grapes ripen faster.



Office Work



I worked in the office 1-2 hours every day entering missing vines into the computer program and entering the vine back in the system after it is replanted. I also would enter dead vines or vines with viruses into the vine removal log.