Introduction:
Sagemoor Vineyards is a grape growing company owned by Allan Brothers Fruit Company. Sagemoor Vineyards manages five vineyards: Bacchus, Dionysus, Gamache, Sagemoor, and Weinbau. These five vineyards comprise of over 1,100 acres which are planted with 18 different grape varietals. Originally started in 1968, Sagemoor has grown to become one of the most renowned grape growers in the state, supplying high-end grapes to both big and boutique wineries.

Internship Operations:
During my internship at Sagemoor Vineyards, I was based out of Bacchus and Dionysus vineyards (BnD vineyards). Located on the East side of the Columbia river in the Columbia Valley AVA. I would either work at BnD vineyards, or I would head to one of the other vineyards owned by Sagemoor Vineyards to perform my daily tasks. My responsibilities included:
- Placing & monitoring pheromone traps for Mealybugs.
- Monitoring shoot growth.
- Shoot thinning.
- Leafing.
- Cluster counts.
- Fruit thinning.
- Monitoring for Veraison.
- Collecting vine fruit weights.
- Calculating projected yield.

Internship Operations (Contd.):
Throughout my internship I was also tasked with maintaining WSU Tricities Teaching Vineyard. At the Teaching Vineyard I got to maintain two blocks: A 24 row block planted with 3 red and 3 white grape varietals, and a 48 row block of cv. Syrah planted using eight different trellis systems. My tasks at the teaching vineyard included:
- Shoot thinning.
- Leafing.
- Vine training.
- Fruit thinning.
- Vineyard maintenance.

Summary:
This internship at Sagemoor Vineyards has been incredibly beneficial to both my education and future career. Through many conversations with vineyard managers and viticultural technicians, I have gained a sound knowledge on annual vineyard operations, how to create budgets, and spray plans. Not only did I obtain a knowledge in management and planning skills, I spent many hours in the fields working with the vineyard crews, so I also know how to execute these operations and tasks. With everything that I learned during this internship, I am going to be able to more effectively and successfully manage a vineyard in my future career. With all of the hard work and planning that goes into a successful vintage, I will also have an even greater respect for all the fruit that I will work with in the winery.