Introduction

- I completed my internship as a Viticulture Tech Intern with Constellation Brands.
- Constellation Brands is a large company that strives to build brands that people love. They produce a variety of wines, beer and spirits. Though the company produces a lot of wine in California, a small team oversees the production of wine produced in Washington.
- Constellation's Kung Fu Girl White Riesling is one of the most popular and affordable wines, and the fruit is sourced solely from Washington state.

Responsibilities

- As an intern I inspected vineyard blocks at ten different ranches across central Washington.
- On a weekly basis, I would travel between the Columbia Valley, Yakima Valley, Ancient Lakes and Horse Heaven Hills AVA's.
- Field inspection, crop estimates, and maturity sampling were my main responsibilities in the vineyard.
- When I wasn't busy transporting samples to the lab at Wahluke Wine Company, I was inputting maturity data into a program called WICO to generate reports for my supervisor.
- I had to take pictures and make detailed observations of the vineyard blocks leading up to harvest.

Summary

- This internship experience helped solidify my passion for viticulture and the hard work that goes into wine production.
- I was exposed to a diverse group of winemakers and growers. This allowed me learn more about the Washington wine industry from a variety of perspectives.
- I learned how to perform crop estimates and take maturity samples that are representative of the vineyard.
- Moving forward, I plan to take what I've learned working with Constellation Brands to a winery internship.