

Notice #21

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The proposals to add Yamhill Carlton, Eola Hills, Chehalem Mountains, and Ribbon Ridge AVA's is an important step in the development of Oregon wines. Consumers who understand that wine is defined by the specific area where the grapes are grown and how the weather, elevation, and soil types effect the quality of the wine will be better informed.

The Ribbon Ridge AVA is very important to us as we are a New Winery on the ridge called Aramenta Cellars. My grandmother moved to Ribbon Ridge in 1905 and farmed the ground for many years. The name of this Ridge was well known long before the 1900's. Produce from the orchards, and berry plants are low yielding but very high quality. Our farming of the land in the 1960's through the 80's was the same. Low yields but high in quality. Thin soils and plants that are slow to grow produce great flavors and sweetness.

A Family heritage that goes back 100 years makes us proud of the struggles and the challenges endured by our grandparents. Returning to Ribbon Ridge in 1967 to raise our family and farm the land has been good. The Ribbon Ridge AVA best defines the most natural use of the land.( low yield high quality wine grapes).