

Exploring Water Conserving Practices in the Vineyard

Track: Vineyard / Grower 2:30pm - 3:30pm

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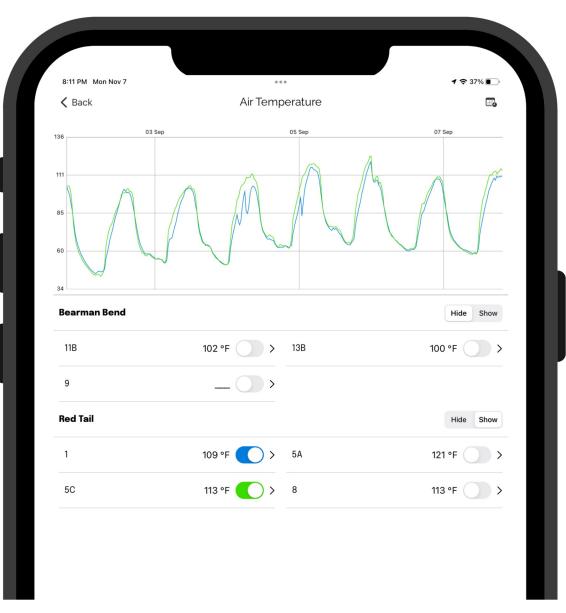


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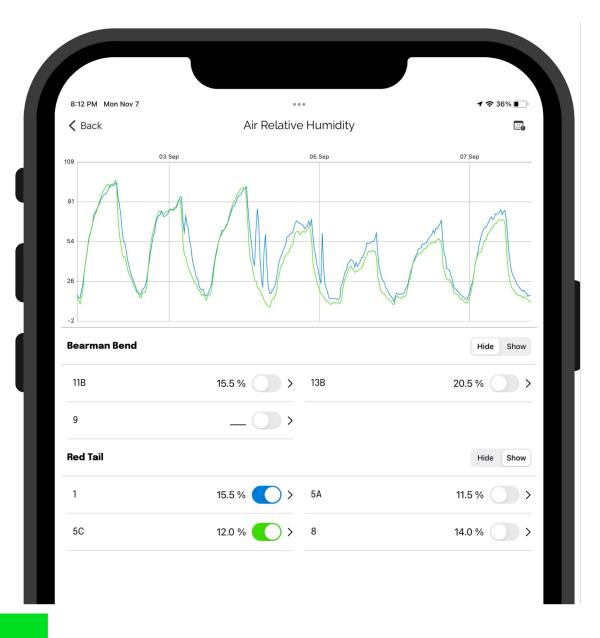


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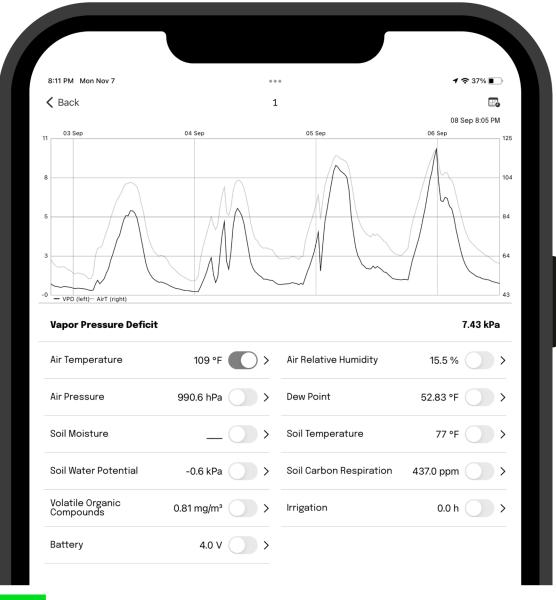


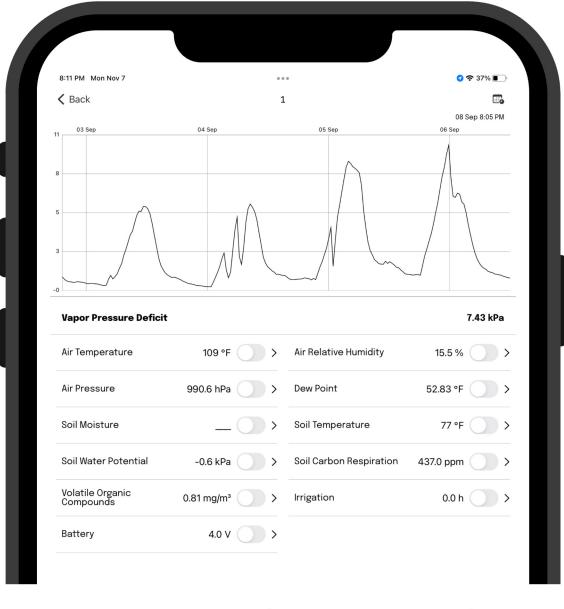






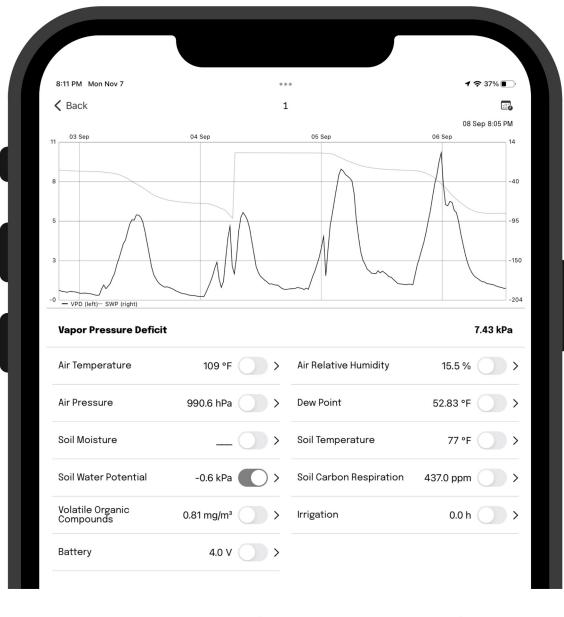










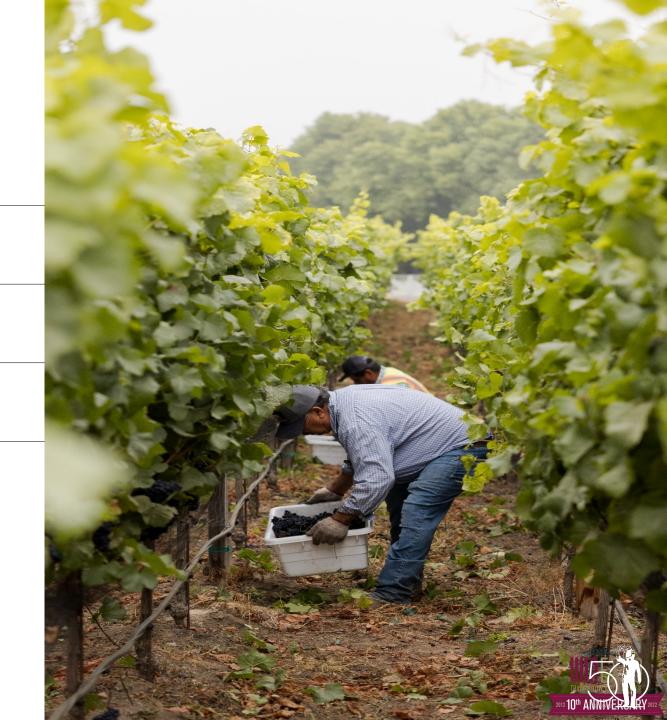






Topics

- 1) Design, Testing & Maintenance
- 2) Sensors & Automation
- 3) Precision Irrigation



Design, Testing & Maintenance

Design

- ✓ Professional
- ✓ Over-Design
- ✓ Water Source Volume & Quality
- ✓ Pressure Compensation

> Testing & Maintenance

- ✓ Supply
 - ✓ Wells & Pumps
 - ✓ Reservoirs
- ✓ Filters, Valves, Vents, Hose & Emitters

Sensors & Automation

> Irrigation System Sensors

- ✓ Flow Meters
- ✓ Water Pressure
- ✓ Soil Moisture
- ✓ Telemetry

> System Automation

- ✓ Automating ICE & Electric Motors
- ✓ Fertigation

Precision Irrigation

- **Emitters**
 - ✓ Mixed Rates at Installation
- Block/Set Design
 - ✓ Terrain Sets
 - ✓ Pixels
- > In-Row Variable Rate Systems
 - ✓ Individually Controlled Emitters
 - ✓ Gradient Designs



Water Conservation Funding



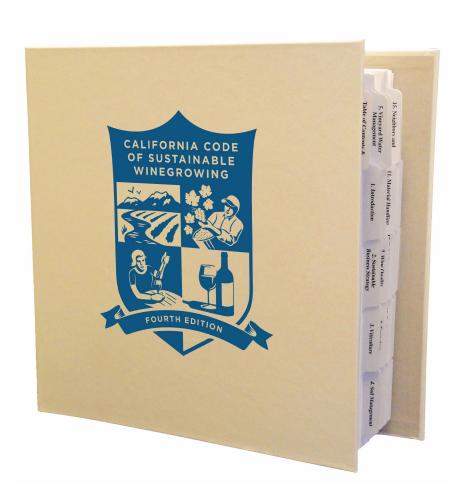
- Grants to implement irrigation systems that reduce GHGs and save water
- Eligible system components:
 - Soil moisture monitoring
 - Drip systems
 - Switching to low pressure irrigation systems
 - Pump retrofits
 - Variable frequency drives
 - Installation of renewable energy to reduce on-farm water use and energy
- https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/sweep/



- Incentives Program provides financial assistance for implementation of conservation management that improve soil health, sequester carbon and reduce GHGs
- Practices include, but not limited to:
 - Cover cropping
 - ⊳ No-till
 - Reduced-till
 - Mulching
 - Compost application
 - Conservation plantings
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Water Conservation Resources





- California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing (Vineyard Water Chapter)
- Vineyard Water Use Efficiency Performance Metric
- How to Conduct a Distribution Uniformity Test
- Case Studies, Videos and More
- https://library.sustainablewinegrowing.org/
- + OTHER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS

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