



Western Iowa Grape Grower's Association, Inc.

January 2006 Annual Meeting

Allan Petersen and Bob Mejstrik
Cooperative Buying Committee – Annual Report

The Coop Buying was headed by Allan Petersen and Bob Mejstrik as Co-Chairs. Because of all the items we tackled this year, we needed help from others; Tom Bruegger and Eli Bergmeier. We give a heart felt thanks for the work they did.

The following is a list of the vineyard and winery supplies we procured:

Bird netting	Vineyard herbicides
Bluegrass seed	Vineyard insecticides
Bamboo training stakes	Vineyard fungicides
Pruning shears	Vineyard sprayers
Trellis posts	Wine bottles
Trellis wire	Wine chemicals
Trellis anchors	Winery equipment
Trellis stainers	

A conservative estimate of the money saved by members for purchasing and/or shipping is in excess of \$5,100.00

Thank you to all who planned ahead for your needs and were patient while we secured those items.

WINE MAKING CHEMICALS

In 2005 we added wine making chemicals to the Coop Buying. We posted a list of commonly used wine making chemicals that was offered through Fermenter's Supply. We had several members participate, and we are looking to grow this year.

The chemicals we offered were the following:

potassium meta sulfate, tartaric acid, gelatin, bentonite, islinglass, Sparkloid, tannin dry, potassium sorbate and acid testing kits. We also offered a wide variety of wine making kits.

We want to offer this program again this year. To maximize the potential cost savings, we could buy larger quantities of commonly used chemicals & break them down into smaller containers. But to do this we need to get more participation from the members.