

Instructions for Berry Sample Submission

Please collect a random 100 berry sample. The berry sampling technique below should be followed to ensure the most representative sample. Once the sample has been collected, freeze grape sample in a plastic zip-lock freezer bag with your appropriate labeling information (below). Once frozen, send with cold packs. Overnight shipping is best. Be mindful of your ship day to ensure that the sample is received by the lab on a regular Monday-Friday work day.

Berry Sampling Technique

Source: Rankine et al., 1962; Jordan and Croser, 1983

- Avoid edge rows and the first two vines in a row
- Collect samples from both sides of the vine
- For each row, estimate the proportion of shaded bunches and sample accordingly
- Collect berries from the top, middle and bottom of the cluster
- Randomize the side of the cluster sampled
- Maximum sample area should be less than 2 hA

Labeling

Label each freezer bag with the following:

- Winery/vineyard name
- Date sampled
- Varietal