A Year in the Life of a LaCrosse Vineyard - (2009)

Walnut Ridge Vineyard
Indianola, Iowa

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Early Bud Swell
Late Bud Swell

1 ft. Marks on Poles
Vertical Shoot Positioned (VSP) Trellis System
4” – 8” Shoots
Flower Clusters
Exposed
10” – 16” Shoots
Flower Clusters Fully Exposed
Early Bloom - Caps are Beginning to Fall
Late Bloom to Buckshot Berries

Catch Wires
Note Upward Growth Habit of LaCrosse
Berry Touch

Fruit Zone
Lateral Shoot Growth

Bunch Closure
Early Veraison - Berries are starting to soften.
Veraison
Netting Applied for Bird Exclusion
Ripening
Ready for Harvest
Harvested
Lime dust from gravel road.
Downy Mildew
Two days after a hard frost.
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