

## BC DECISION AID SYSTEM (BC DAS) – WINE GRAPE EXPANSION BETA TEST

The [BC Decision Aid System](#) is an online platform provided through a partnership between local project partners and Washington State University that delivers real-time, science-based decision support to growers. It integrates local weather data, crop and pest models, and timely alerts so producers can make faster, more confident management decisions.

### WHY EXPAND TO WINE GRAPES?

Tree fruits have benefited from BC DAS for years. Wine grape producers face growing pressures: disease risk, extreme weather events, and labour/time constraints. This expansion will tailor proven models to grape cultivars and the diverse meso-climates of the Okanagan–Similkameen.

### WHAT WE NEED FROM BETA TESTERS

We're looking for a diverse cohort of growers, vineyard managers, and consultants to road-test the grape-specific tools during the 2025 season. As a beta tester, you will:

Use the platform regularly to check model outputs and alerts.	Give structured feedback through very short micro-surveys (2 minutes) and an end-of-season questionnaire/interview.
Enter simple field data (e.g., phenology stages, observations, key weather events) for at least one cycle.	Flag issues quickly (e.g., confusing outputs, wrong data, missing cultivars) using the feedback process.

### TIME COMMITMENT

- Kickoff webinar (or recording): ~60 minutes.
  - 6–8 short task cycles over the season: ~10 minutes each.
  - Final survey/interview: 15–30 minutes.
- Total estimated time: 3–4 hours spread across the season.**

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- Early access to grape-specific decision tools before public launch.
- Input into features and priorities that matter to your operation.
- Recognition (optional) in the final project report.

### WHO'S A GOOD FIT?

- Operate or advise on one or more vineyards in BC (ideally Okanagan–Similkameen sub-regions).
- Willing to share field data for validation purposes.
- Comfortable with basic web tools (or willing to try with light support).
- Interested in using models to refine spray timing, phenology tracking, or cold injury protection.

### HOW TO APPLY

Complete the short screening form (2-3 minutes) – found [here](#).

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We'll confirm selection and next steps by late September 2025.



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