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Bill Collings fonds

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Fonds description

Bill Collings fonds. – 1941-2007.

30 cm of textual records. - 1 photograph. - 1 print.

Biographical sketch

A longtime grape grower and an amateur winemaker from the Okanagan region in British Columbia, Bill Collings has been an involved member of the wine industry in BC for several decades. Previously owners of Sumac Slope Vineyard, Bill Collings and his wife Joan, were both actively involved in several wine and vineyard related associations within the Okanagan area and throughout the province, including the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association (BCAWA) and the British Columbia Wine Institute. Bill Collings has written extensively on the topic of winemaking and British Columbia's wine industry and remained actively involved in the wine industry until his retirement.

Custodial history

This fonds was acquired by UBC Okanagan Special Collections and Archives in 2020 directly from Bill Collings.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records pertaining to the winemaking career of Bill Collings. Fonds includes records such as correspondence files, articles and writings, research documents, as well as posters and prints. Fonds contains records both created and received or collected by Bill Collings. This fonds is arranged into three series: 1) Correspondence; 2) Writings; 3) Collected materials.

Notes

Source of title proper

Title is based on creator of fonds.

Arrangement

Records arranged by archivist according to function.

Availability of other formats

Several records are in the process of being digitized.

Rights

Copyright held by Bill Collings where applicable to the records of his own creation. All other rights have not been evaluated.

Finding aids

Series descriptions available.

File list available.

Accruals

Further accruals may be expected.



Series descriptions

OSC ARC 19.1: Correspondence. – 1991-2000.

12 cm of textual records

Scope and content

Series consists of Bill Collings' correspondence records. Records in this series include fax sheets, copies of letters, printed emails, and memos between Bill Collings and various people such as government bodies, research entities, consultants, and other individuals involved in the wine industry. Abbreviated as CORRESPONDENCE in the file list.

Notes

Source of title proper

Title is based on contents of series.

Finding aids

File list available.

OSC ARC 19.2: Writings and personal records. – 1986-2002.

7 cm of textual records and 1 photograph

Scope and content

Series consists of records pertaining to the writings and works done by Bill Collings, along with some personal records. Series includes records such as copies of articles and presentations written by Bill Collings. Series also includes a photograph of Bill Collings, as well as a manuscript and self-published book written by Bill Collings' father, Tom Collings. Abbreviated as WRITINGS in the file list.

Notes

Source of title proper

Title is based on contents of series.

Arrangement

Oversized photograph has been separated.

Finding aids

File list available.

Item list available.

OSC ARC 19.3: Collected materials. – 1941-2007.

11 cm of textual records and 1 print

Scope and content

Series consists of materials collected by Bill Collings that pertain to the wine and wine-making industry. Series includes records such as research materials, meeting minutes, and regulation files. Series also contains a framed print. Abbreviated as COLLECTED in the file list.



Notes

Source of title proper

Title is based on contents of series.

Finding aids

File list available.

Item list available.



File list

BOX 1

File	Title and Description	Series
01-001	[Blue binder] / [BCAWA]. - 2001-2002. File contains BC Amateur Winemakers Association Council minutes and competition handbook.	COLLECTED
01-002	Acid & Ph. - 1991. File contains correspondence with Summerland Research Station with acid & pH analysis reports addressed to Bill Collings. Article on same by Bill Collings. Research materials - photocopies and tearsheets.	CORRESPONDENCE
01-003	[Black binder] / [BC Wine Institute Minutes]. - 1998-2000. File contains correspondence. BC Wine Institute Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1994-2000.	CORRESPONDENCE
01-004	Grape Management Production Guide. - 1998-1999. File contains BC Ministry of Agriculture and food publication.	COLLECTED
01-005	BC Wine Institute board meeting Thursday March 14 1998 Wine Information Center Penticton. - 1998. File contains summary of new wine regulations; BC Wine Institute proposal 1997 (severe fading); copied research materials; correspondence; annotated meeting minutes.	CORRESPONDENCE
01-006	BC Wine Institute Resource Manual for grape growers and winemakers. - 1998. File contains correspondence; forms; web directory; manual. By Mt. Kobau Wine Services / Lynn and John Bremmer. Includes bibliography.	CORRESPONDENCE
01-007	BC Wine Institute Industry Handbook and Policy Manual. - 1995. File contains BC Wine Institute contact directory; Faxed BC Vintner's Quality Alliance Reference Guide (fading); covering memo.	CORRESPONDENCE
01-008	[Bill Collings loose documents]. - 1990-1992. File contains BCAWA Provincial Competition folio (1990); personal bibliography for winetasting; proposal by Bill Collings to change BCAWA competition; "Acid Adjustments" by BC, 1992; Hazelmere Research Ltd. assessment folio (acid); "Correcting Acid Balance" by BC, 1992; Bill Collings / Better Winemaking correspondence folio; BC Correspondence to BC Grape Marketing Board; "The Home Winemaking Market" by Bill Collings; "The Home Winemaker's market - What's it all about" by Bill Collings (drafts, multiple copies); "Grapes to Home Winemakers: A Report" by Bill Collings; multiple other reports, articles, proposals by Bill Collings.	WRITINGS
01-009	[BC Wine and Grape Industry] Strategic Plan : May '94. - 1994. File contains strategic plan + appendices. Includes correspondence.	CORRESPONDENCE



01-010	[BC Wine and Grape Industry] Strategic Plan : Current April -->. - 1994. File contains correspondence from Chancellor Partners (consulting firm).	CORRESPONDENCE
01-011	[BC Wine and Grape Industry] Strategic Plan - Old. - 1995. File contains strategic plan for workshop 1 and workshop 2, annotated; annotated Bill Collings Bill 49, 1995.	COLLECTED
01-012	Acidity and pH: What's behind the numbers. - 1992. File contains presentation by Bill Collings to BCAWA, 12/17/1992.	WRITINGS
01-013	Evaluation of German Grape Cultivars and German Viticulture Techniques in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia. - [1984?]. File contains report prepared by the Association of BC Grape Growers. Copy of Technical Report FP 84-04 from Summerland Agricultural Research Centre tucked inside front cover. 2 copies.	COLLECTED
01-014	Grape Variety Evaluation : Eleven Years of Grape Variety Evaluations in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia. - 1987. File contains report by BC Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries / Regional Extension Services, Okanagan Kootenay Region.	COLLECTED
01-015	The Duncan Project Summary Report. - [1990?]. File contains report by BC Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	COLLECTED
01-016	Evaluation of European Grape Varieties Summary Report 1987-1992 / Agrifood Regional Development Subsidiary Agreement. - 1992. File contains report prepared by the Association of BC Grape Growers.	COLLECTED
01-017	Evaluation of European Grape Varieties Supplement to the Summary Report 1987-1992 / Agrifood Regional Development Subsidiary Agreement. -- Supplement to the Summary Report. - 1992. File contains report prepared by the Association of BC Grape Growers.	COLLECTED
01-018	Winemaking Protocol: ARSDA Project 11011. - 1991. File contains copies of field data.	COLLECTED
01-019	European Grape Growing : Rittich. - 1941. File contains copy of "European grape growing in cooler districts where winter protection is necessary" by VG Rittich and EA Rittich. Selected chapters copied from an unidentified book.	COLLECTED
01-020	Strategic Plan Growers Material. - 1994. File contains correspondence between Bill Collings and Ministry; strategic plan committee and W. Gehringer; article "Situation of Grape Growers: post 1994" by Bill Collings; correspondence between Bob McRitchie and Bill Collings plus associated memos; research package including confidential strategic plan (provincial) via Sumac Winery; correspondence between wineries and the Province (fax, faded); strategic committee composition, incl Bill Collings; handwritten notes.	CORRESPONDENCE



01-021	Malic & Tartaric Acid Testing. - 2002. File contains articles by Bill Collings: 1. Malolactic Fermentation; 2. Hydrogen Sulfide and its derivatives; 3. Fining and fining agents; 4. Acid/pH Adjustments; 5. Potassium sorbate; 6. Titration for tartaric and malic acids; annotated research materials.	WRITINGS
01-022	New vines new wines new future : The great grapes of BC. - 1992. File contains compilation of articles by Bill Collings for the Association of BC Grape Growers.	WRITINGS
01-023	An Amateur Winemaker's Note Book. - 1986. File contains original proof and manuscript by Tom Collings.	WRITINGS
01-024	An Amateur Winemaker's Note Book. - 1986. File contains self-published manuscript by Tom Collings in cerlox binding - gift inscription and autograph from author to son, Bill Collings.	WRITINGS
01-025	British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association Competition Handbook, 8th Revision. - 1998. File contains report prepared by BCAWA. Covering letter tucked into front cover.	COLLECTED
01-026	Financial Planning Information for Establishing a VINIFERA Wine Grape Planting, Okanagan Region. - 2000. File contains report prepared by BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries. BC Wine Institute questionnaire filled by Sumac Ridge Winery tucked into front cover.	COLLECTED
01-027	Tony Aspler's Vintage Canada. - 1993. File contains letter to Tony Aspler from Bill Collings and a reply from Tony Aspler to Bill Collings. Found in <i>Tony Aspler's Vintage Canada</i> (1993).	CORRESPONDENCE
01-028	Grape and Wine Forum Proceedings. - 1991. File contains bound book of essays and reports from the forum as well as the program and schedule of the forum.	COLLECTED
01-029	Grape and Wine Forum Proceedings. - 1993. File contains bound book of essays and reports from the forum as well as the program and schedule of the forum.	COLLECTED
01-030	Grapevine Phytoplasma Diseases. - 2007. File contains description of Flavescence dorée and Bois noir which are two diseases of grapevines.	COLLECTED
01-031	Red Wine Production Shortcourse. - 1991. File contains Book of the different speeches that were presented in different sessions from the shortcourse that was put on by the Central Washington Wine Technical Group in conjunction with Washington State University Cooperative Extension.	COLLECTED



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PHOTOGRAPHS

Control no. and Title	Location(s)	Series	Extent
OSC ARC 19.2/00001 [Bill Colling and friends in vineyard].	OS Box 3	WRITINGS	1 photograph

ARTIFACTS

Control no. and Title	Location(s)	Series	Extent
OSC ARC 19.3/A00001 [Watercolour painting depicting Bright's Winery at Okanagan Falls, BC]	OS Cabinet	COLLECTED	1 painting

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Indexes and finding aids: Online inventory available.
File and item lists available.

Notes: Title based on the creator of the fonds.



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Date	Revision	Issued for
20211217	A	1 st draft. (AS)
20220117	A_PHEdits	Suggestions for development. (PH)
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20220525	E	File list verification. (AN)
20220526	F	Formatting and style. (LC)
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