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The pride of Oregon is that it is different here. We take pride in our agriculture. It is not the sprawl of California. We have some of the best farmland in the country. These soils will not be made any more. Once converted to parking lots and structures it is gone forever. The money-making ventures on farm land will shift to other means of amassing fortunes as conditions change... and the soils will be GONE; our great agricultural land will be rubble of asphalt and concrete.

Vineyards are a great agricultural use of our hillsides. Wine tasting, sales, and LIMITED events that don't take land away from agricultural production are acceptable. Further wine-associated tourist attractions could be good ways to boost the downtowns in our small wine-producing towns and cities.

Please do not change land use laws to allow Oregon farmlands to be "Californicated". Keep our farm land in farm production and tourist uses in the already built areas. (With parking and structures going upwards, not outwards occupying more land space.)

Thank you,
Cheryl McCaffrey