

The Grapevine

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Effective Weed Control

Chateau Herbicide

New last year, Chateau WDG herbicide has proven to be a very effective weed control product in grapes, as well as tree fruit orchards in the Okanagan. A Group 14 product that represented new chemistry when it was introduced, Chateau WDG provides seasonal residual control of many broadleaf weeds. In fact, Okanagan growers discovered and enjoyed the extraordinarily long residual effects because of the low rainfall and low organic matter soils. They soon found that Chateau WDG is very effective, forming a "barrier", activated by rain or irrigation of at least ½ cm of water. Chateau does not affect established weeds, but can be mixed with glyphosate to control existing weeds. It must not come in contact with crop fruit, green bark or foliage. Do not apply to grapes established less than two years. The active ingredient flumioxazin is a photosynthesis inhibitor, preventing target plants from making chlorophyll by inhibiting an essential enzyme (the

enzyme is called protoporphyrinogen oxidase, for those interested in unpronounceable names). It can be used effectively on coarse and medium textured soils, but will be less effective on soils with very fine texture or high organic matter.

The photo (below) of a tree fruit planting shows a comparison of an application of Chateau WDG on the left, versus another herbicide treatment on the right.

Pest Control

New Registrations in Grapes

Pristine WG

Here are some additions to the label of this effective fungicide for use in grapes: powdery mildew, botrytis grey mold, black rot, fruit and downy mildew, and bunch rot complex (caused by Cladosporium and Aspergillus species).

Pounce 384 EC

Although this is not a new chemical, Pounce 384 EC gained a registration a couple of years ago in grapes for climbing cutworms. A range of rates is recommended depending on the size of the cutworms. Apply at the first signs of damage within a half meter of the base of the trunk base in the evening. Climbing cutworms are expected to be more a problem this spring in the Okanagan, since the mild winter may allow a higher survival rate.

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Product Update

New TigerClaw Names for 2010

What's new for 2010? Some of your favorite liquid fertilizers under the TigerClaw brand, that's what. The formulations on some of the products were tweaked slightly and some of the names have changed. If you were using TigerClaw Calcium 4%, it is now called **TigerClaw Power-Cal 4%**. If you were using the comparable zinc product (TigerClaw Zinc 6.5% Zn), this is now named **TigerClaw Power-Zn 8%**. A new name and stronger, too!



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