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# Irrigation + Contracts Workshop



LUMO



SOUTHERN  
IRRIGATION

## What You'll Learn:

- ✔ **What can happen when irrigation is done poorly**  
Giving vines too little water or too much water can cause stress, poor growth, and lower yields
- ✔ **How rootstocks affect how vines use water**  
How to choose irrigation solutions that work for your soil, vines, and growing conditions
- ✔ **Why trust, communication, reliability matter to wineries**  
Why contracts and long term relationships with wineries are important
- ✔ **Questions growers should ask before the season starts**  
When there is no clear agreement in place, grape growers often take the biggest risk

## Event Details:



26 May 2026



1:00pm - 4:30pm



The Hanger  
Kismet Winery  
316 Road 20  
Oliver BC

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# Irrigation

Good decisions around irrigation can make the difference between a successful season and a stressful one

**Gagan Dhaliwal**  
BCGA Director

This practical workshop focuses on a key area where growers can reduce risk, improve outcomes, and strengthen the long-term health of their vineyards.

We will explore why irrigation is so important for vine health, fruit quality, and yield. Growers will learn how too much or too little water affects vines, how different soil types hold and move water, and how rootstock choice influences water use. The session will also introduce irrigation tools and systems from Verdi, Lumos, and Southern Irrigation, helping growers think about solutions that fit their own soils, vines, and growing conditions.

The workshop will conclude with a question-and-answer session, giving participants the chance to share experiences, ask questions, and learn from each other. Growers will leave with practical insights they can apply in their own vineyards to improve decision-making, reduce risk, and build more resilient operations.

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Coffee/Networking



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# Contracts

Why contracts and long term relationships with wineries are important. Contracts help everyone understand what is expected

**Gary Zhygailo**  
**BCGA Director**

This practical workshop focuses on a key area where growers can reduce risk, improve outcomes, and strengthen the long-term health of their businesses.

Focusing on why contracts and long-term relationships with wineries matter more than ever. With changing markets and increasing uncertainty, growers often bear the greatest risk when no clear agreement is in place. This session will explain what contracts do, how they can help protect growers, and the difference between one-time sales and longer-term arrangements. We will also discuss why trust, clear communication, and reliability are so important for wineries, and what questions growers should ask before the season begins.

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