

## Vessel Topping System – David Everett

Our Viticulture and Enology program wanted to first thank CARE for the generous grant that enabled us to purchase a vessel topping system. A modern topping system is a critical piece of instructional equipment in our winery operations classes. The purpose of this device is "top" different vessels that hold our wines. As you can see by the attached picture, the wine is held in the stainless steel keg under argon pressure, keeping it healthy and away from being exposed to oxygen. When we are ready to "top" any vessel, we just roll the cart over to the location and depress the handle of the topping wand and the wine is gently added to the vessels. We supplied the cart, the keg and the gas cylinder and CARE supplied the rest!! No more spills in the winery and no more bad wine!!

Wine health is already in our curriculum and this instructional tool just brought us into a more modern approach which is very important to the students.

