

Upgrading Winery Sanitation Tools & Protocols David Everett, Las Positas College

The LPC Viticulture and Winery Technology program has once again, been awarded a generous grant by the CARE Foundation for the 2016/17 cycle. We have put the funding towards what someone who is not experienced in our discipline would think a seemingly small and insignificant item: hose spray nozzles. For those in the industry that do know, these STRAHMAN pistol grip nozzles are THE industry standard that cannot be overlooked or under-valued.

These STRAHMAN sprayers are professional grade spray nozzles that have proven their worth over, and over again from the moment they went into service! We purchased the spray nozzles to help improve instruction on winery sanitation protocols and the results have been wonderful. If you visit any working winery, this is the type of equipment you would find in use. If you were employed by the winery, these are the spray nozzles you would be using. They are amazing!

The nozzles offer two teaching/learning moments:

- 1) if you are purchasing equipment to support winery sanitation, make sure it is durable and MADE WELL. These nozzles are what we like to call STUDENT PROOF!!
- 2) If you are purchasing equipment to support winery sanitation, why purchase something that you would have to replace every harvest?? These are solid nozzles and every component in them is replaceable! AND might I add: MADE IN THE USA!!!!

Thank you once again CARE Foundation!
You have proven once again that a little goes a VERY LONG WAY!!

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