

Factors to Consider when Choosing Cover Crops

Costs vs. benefits

Specific management goals

- Need to increase N, decrease erosion, etc.

Complicating factors

- Increased gopher disturbance, etc.

Labor availability

Irrigation method

Tillage practices

Aesthetics

Ecological considerations

- Site characteristics (climate, soils, etc.)
- Effects on desired goal as well as others Interactions with pests/predators
- Vigor of vineyard
- Effects of species combinations/diversity