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When Susan and her son Alex Sokol Blosser began converting their vineyard to an organic operation, they did not anticipate how hard it could be to control fungal disease in their vines. In the middle of the first year, they felt compelled to spray a conventional fungicide, setting them back a year on their path



towards certification. Susan and Alex renewed their commitment to organic practices the following year, this time with greater knowledge and support.

A representative at Oregon Vineyard Supply explained

their options and suggested referencing the *OMRI Products List*<sup>®</sup> to find the allowed fungicides best suited to their organic operation. The Sokol Blosser Winery received organic certification in 2005, and won *Sunset Magazine's* Green Award for pioneering environmental practices in the 2007 Western Wine Awards.

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