

Director, Regulations and Ruling Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
ATTN: Notice No. 55

February 22, 2006

Dear Director of the Regulations and Ruling Division,

I am writing in response to the Proposed Establishment of the Saddle Rock-Malibu Viticulture Area (2003R-110P).

I support the proposal submitted by Lisa Semler and Derek Baugh, of Semler Malibu Estates Vineyards. On a recent trip to the site I witnessed first hand several of the key distinctions which should qualify the area for AV. status as outlined in the petition.

Specifically, the travel up from Pacific Coast Highway brings one inland, through a canyon area with high slopes, and then dipping down into a small valley. Second, under Topography, there are in fact places where streams flowed, and would not during drier times, and the elevations do vary, sometimes dramatically. Also, due to the site being located in a valley, and from my own experience of having lived in Los Angeles for several years now, and having visited the Malibu area during various points in this time, it does experience, "...mild and rainy winters, and warm dry summers..." Based on this and other statements in the petition, I believe the Saddle Rock-Malibu Area deserves to be distinguished from the rest of California as a distinct and unique area for the growing of grapes and the creation of wine.

Again, I fully support the Establishment of the "Saddle Rock-Malibu Viticulture Area."

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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