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February 16, 1988

Chief
Wine and Beer Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
P.O. Box 385
Washington, DC 20044-0385

Re: Realignment of the boundary common to the Alexander Valley
and Chalk Hill Viticultural Areas in Sonoma County, California


Dear Sir:

This letter is written to strongly support the realignment that would extend the southern boundary of the Alexander Valley Viticultural Area.

I have purchased, harvested and processed grapes from the Alexander Valley and Chalk Hill Viticultural Areas over the last fifteen years. I believe this realignment would more accurately describe vineyard land with similar geological history, topographical features, soils, and climatic conditions as adjoining land within the boundary of the Alexander Valley Viticultural Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,


George Buonaccorsi
Manager Grower Relations

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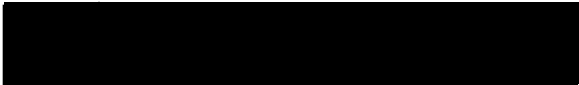
Chief, Wine and Beer Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco
and Firearms
REF: Notice No. 652
P. O. Box 385
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Dear Chief, Wine and Beer Branch:

This letter is in response to the proposal to move the Alexander Valley Appellation line to include some acreage in the southwest corner of the Appellation, as proposed by Notice No. 652, 27CFR, Part 9. We have bought grapes from this area for Beringer products and totally concur that this area should be included in the Alexander Volley. The viticultural characteristics are very similar in all aspects, including climate, soil and topography. Further, prior to the approved Appellation demarcation, this area was considered by us to be part of the Alexander Valley.

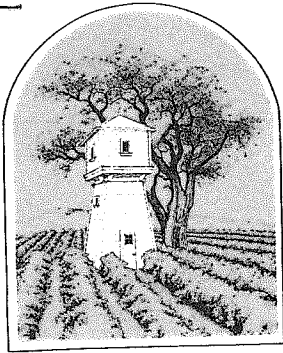
Please grant approval to this "line adjustment."

Very truly yours,


Robert E. Steinhauer
Vice President - Vineyard/
Grower Relations

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cc: Edward A. Reisman, Specialist, Wine and Beer Branch



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Dear Sir:

I am writing to support the proposed realignment at the boundary of the Alexander Valley/Chalk Hill viticultural areas. I know the proposed property well and feel that it is more properly in the Alexander Valley. I further feel that had the owner been aware of the appellation process at the time, and applied to be included in the Alexander Valley, he would have been so.

My winery is one of the earliest users of the Alexander Valley appellation, starting with the 1975 vintage, so I know the area well.

I hope this realignment can be accomplished in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,


Justin Meyer
Winegrower

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