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Re: Notice 448

Gentlemen:

Please refer to our application dated July 24, 1982 for a York Mountain viticultural area. This serves as our request that the York Mountain area not be included in the suggested Paso Robles area for the following reasons.

- 1) The York Mountain area has been recognized as York Mountain for over 100 years.
- 2) The U.S. Dept. of Interior Geological Survey maps have designated York Mountain for approximately 100 years.
- 3) The York Mountain vineyard and winery are over 100 years old.
- 4) The York Mountain founders have strived to keep and preserve the importance and uniqueness of the York Mountain area as a distinctive one. The present owner does not wish to dilute or diminish the importance of the York Mountain area by its inclusion in an other viticultural area.
- 5) Over 90% of the vineyards in the proposed Paso Robles area are in the river basin to our east, an area far different in climate, topography, water supply and viticulture practices when compared to the hillside vineyards of the Santa Lucia Mountain range or York Mountain area.



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- 6) It is our understanding an appellation is granted to a viticultural area for a distinction common to its whole area and not for the specific and distinctive differences derived from an adjacent or small area.
- 7) The York Mountain area is at an elevation 1200 to 1500 feet creating wines of distinction traceable to the elevation. The proposed Paso Robles area contains elevations of wide range from approximately 400 to 1800 feet resulting in differing wines not distinguishable by particular geographical features but of several elevations.

We trust the information noted above will be given every consideration in our request for the York Mountain viticultural area to be (in fact remain) a separate entity and not a part of the Paso Robles proposed area.

Yours truly

Max Goldman  
York Mountain Winery