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Director, Bur. of Alc. Tob. and Firearms
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Gentlemen:

Re: Petition for the York Mountain Viticultural Area

We hereby petition you to establish an American Viticultural Area to be designated York Mountain. In accordance with 27 CFR 4.25 a (e) (2) we submit the following information.

(1) The area has been known as York Mountain for approximately 100 years. Refer to U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey map entitled York Mountain Quadrangle.

The York Mountain Winery (B.W. 146) is located on the U.S.G.S. map, being the approximate center of the 207 acres of land which it owns. Winery and Vineyards were established by the York family in 1882 remaining under their ownership until 1970 when I purchased same.

(2) The proposed boundaries of the viticultural area are correct by virtue of placement on the enclosed U.S.G.S. map and described in the enclosed narrative description.

(3) Geographical features of the area produce growing conditions which distinguish the proposed area from surrounding areas as follows:

a.) The York Mt. area is 7 miles from the Pacific Ocean. No other neighboring viticultural area is as close.

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b.) Elevation is 1,500 feet on the slopes of the Santa Lucia Mountain Range. No other neighboring viticultural area is as high. Snowfall occurs practically every year.

c.) Because of proximity to the Pacific Ocean, summer fogs at night cool the vines and grapes then lift in early morning allowing day time warmth to accumulate in the vineyards. The change from coolness to warmth produces specific grape quality differences.

d.) York Mountain is recognized as a high rainfall area averaging 45 inches annualy, this amount over double that of the nearby Salinas river area only 9 miles to the East.

e.) Outcroppings of limestone and chalk are prevalent throughout this area producing grape and wine quality differences.

f.) The York Mountain area has a definite micro climate of less than 2500 degree days. This classifies it as Region I of the University of California rank I to V with I the coolest and V the warmest. Nearby areas will rank III and

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g.) The area is "Dry Farmed". The low supply of ground water is not sufficient for irrigation, providing only a small amount as potting water to establish the grape vines during the first 2 years of root formation and growth. Dry farming results in low grape yields and wines with concentrated flavor characteristics

(4) The narrative description of boundaries follows:

At the NW corner of the York Mountain Quadrangle map of the U.S.G.S. begin at the intersecting point of Dover Canyon Jeep Trail and Dover Canyon Rd, proceed easterly 2.3 miles to Vineyard Dr, thence south easterly along Vineyard Dr. 3.6 miles to Jack Creek Rd, thence southerly 0.6 mile along Jack Creek Rd. accross State Hiway 46 to Hidden Valley Rd, thence south easterly 0.9 mile to Gates Field Rd, thence southerly 1.2 miles to Santa Rita Creek, thence westerly along Santa Rita Creek 5.0 miles to the of waters from Dover Canyon and Santa Rita Creek, thence northerly 0.8 mile and accross State Hiway 46 to the entrance of Dover Canyon, thence northerly 4.0 miles in Dover Canyon to the point of beginning.

The above described area totals approximately 16 square miles or 10,240 acres.

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(5) A copy of the U.S.G.S. map is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of a San Luis Obispo County map on which the proposed viticultural area has been pinpointed.

Should you require additional information, please advise.

Yours truly,

York Mountain Winery

Max Goldman

MAX GOLDMAN - OWNER