

Anderson Valley Appellation Committee
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Subject: VITICULTURE AREA PETITION
ANDERSON VALLEY

Gentlemen/Ladies:

PETITION is hereby made by the below listed wineries, and wine grape growers for the establishment of a specific viticulture area located within the boundaries of Mendocino County, California, to be called ANDERSON VALLEY. All petitioners either grow grapes within the boundaries of the proposed viticulture area, or grow grapes and produce wine from such grapes in that area.

INTRODUCTION

The name ANDERSON VALLEY has been chosen as the name of the proposed viticulture area because:

- 1) The area has been known as Anderson Valley since shortly after it was first settled, in 1852, by Walter Anderson.
- 2) The region includes only the area historically known as ANDERSON VALLEY and the surrounding slopes.
- 3) Since the crush of 1969, ANDERSON VALLEY wine grapes have consistently won medals and accolades that place this area firmly on the wine maps of the world.

Many comments have been written in prestigious wine volumes over the years about the unique and distinctive wines produced from grapes grown within the proposed viticulture area.

"The Anderson Valley is in the watershed of the Navarro River, which runs into the Pacific Ocean..... Most of the small acreage bearing in the mid-1970 is chardonnay, gewurztraminer, and cabernet sauvignon. All hands are pleased with the uncommonly aromatic white grapes....." THE CALIFORNIA WINE BOOK, Bob Thompson and Hugh Johnson, Wm Morrow and Co., Inc, New York, 1976 p 96.

INTRODUCTION continued

"Anderson Valley's 500 acres of vines are planted in many varieties, including old mountainside plantings of Zinfandel and a few patches of French Colombard that were planted for Champagne making. The area's promise, however, is for the early-ripening varieties that excel when grown in cold climates." CONNOISSEUR'S GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE, Alameda Ca, 1978 Vol 3, Issue 6, p 109.

"Now Mendocino has not only its own identity, but also two districts within it that are recognized independently of each other. The larger, older district is the Ukiah Valley, where Parducci, Cresta Blanca, Fetzer, Milano and Weibel are active producing cellars. The smaller, newer, region is Anderson Valley, from Boonville west to the coast, where Edmeades, Husch and Navarro were making wine at publication time." GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA'S WINE COUNTRY, Lane Publishing Co., Menlo Park, 1979.

HISTORY OF THE AREA

Cultivation of the ANDERSON VALLEY soil began with the first settlement of the area, in 1852. Grapes have been growing in the area since the earliest settlement, as described in a book published in 1880.

"Looking eastward, back over the track that he has just come, he sees the road winding, serpent-like, up the sides of the mountains, while at the base of the series of ridges lies the beautiful valley; its long, slender contour stretching, ribbon-like, for miles, dotted here and there with farm houses, and waving in emerald fields of growing grain, and here and there an orchard and vineyard." Anderson Valley, an essay, published in HISTORY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, Bowen, Co., 1880.

There is documentation that some of the oldest, continuously producing vineyards date from 1922. Along the Greenwood Ridge were numerous small vineyards. There remains one of these historic entities, the DuPratt Vineyard. The wine from the grapes of this vineyard was, only a few years ago, invited to the annual barrel tasting at the Four Seasons Restaurant in New York City

HISTORY OF THE AREA continued

"At one time the Greenwood Ridge in Anderson Valley was dotted with many small vineyards. The community was predominately Italian and each family had their own backyard plantings of favorite varieties, usually planted from cuttings passed from neighbor to neighbor.

"One vineyard in that area has survived to become a gold-medal winner. Established in 1922.....". The Old Vine's Lessons, REDWOOD RANCHER, Vintage Issue, Vol 36, No. 6, July/August 1981

ANDERSON VALLEY wines have since the founding of its first post-prohibition winery in 1974 (Edmeades Winery), have been noted in many respected wine publications.

DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

ANDERSON VALLEY lies generally along the Navarro River, stretching from its headwaters in the coastal range and extends northwest toward, but not reaching the Pacific Ocean.

"Mendocino growing regions are split between the Russian River watershed area -- the Redwood, Ukiah and Potter Valleys -- and the Anderson Valley in the western part of the county, near the sea...". Mendocino Wines Gain Recognition, Anthony Dias Blue, San Francisco Chronicle, Wed. July 1, 1981.

GRAPE ACREAGE IN THE AREA

There presently are approximately 600 acres of grapes estimated to be growing within the boundaries of the proposed viticulture area. This acreage has been estimated by the publication, 1981 Mendocino County Grape Acreage published by Mendocino County Farm Advisors Office. (See EXHIBIT A, page 1 and 2). This estimate was derived from Reporting Service, Fruit and Nut Acreage Summary, 1981 and the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture.

A recap of the approximate 600 acres is as follows:

Variety	Acres
Chardonnay	151
Gewurztraminer	103
Riesling	111
Pinot noir	47
Cabernet Sauvignon	37
Sougivnon blanc	22
Merlot	14
French Colombard	13
Zinfandel	57
Other	<u>14</u>
	582 acres

N.B. Varieties with under 1 acre in cultivation are not reported.

SOILS

In terms of official recognition, only the bottom land soils of ANDERSON VALLEY have been charted. As bottomland, all are either derived from old valley filling material, or more recent alluvial deposits. Maps show the same series soils throughout the valley, with the more recent soil types in the majority.

Upland soils are being mapped in the summer of 1982, thus accurate descriptions of these soils will be unavailable until this project is complete.

ANDERSON VALLEY bottom land soils include:

BbB	Botella Gravelly Clay Loam
CbB	Cole Loam
CeB	Cole Loam
CgB	Conejo Gravelly Clay Loam
EdA	Esparto Silt Loam
HbF	Hugo Gravelly Loam
HbG	Hugo Gravelly Loam
JaE	Josephine Loam
JaG	Josephine Loam
JaF	Josephine Loam
MaF	Noyo Loam
MdB	Manzanita Clay Loam
MfB	Mendocino Loam
MfC	Mendocino Loam
MfE	Mendocino Loam
PaC	Pinole Loam
PbC	Pinole Gravelly Loam
PbD	Pinole Gravelly Loam
PbG	Pinole Gravelly Loam
PdF	Pinole Clay Loam
PeB	Pinole Loam
SeB	San Ysidro Loam
SeD	San Ysidro Loam
TaC	Talmage Gravelly Sandy Loam

RAINFALL

The rainfall of the ANDERSON VALLEY viticultural area, as recorded by Boonville Department of Highway Maintenance, and published in THE CLIMATE OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, a booklet compiled by the Mendocino Farm Advisor's office, is 40.68 inches annually. It is distributed as follows:

July	.06
August	.30
September	.25
October	2.06
November	6.65
December	8.39
January	9.44
February	4.73
March	5.24
April	2.94
May	.40
June	.21
Season total	<u>40.68</u>

CLIMATE

The climate of the ANDERSON VALLEY viticultural area has been described as "coastal" by the Mendocino County Farm Advisor's office, in their booklet, THE CLIMATE OF MENDOCINO COUNTY. Most data available is incomplete, however, two reporting stations in Boonville and one in Philo place the area squarely within the parameters of University of California heat summation categories most beneficial to the production of fine wine grapes.

The heat summation available for the area is attached.

- 1) 1969 Station Comparison, published by the Farm Advisor's office, (EXHIBIT B).
- 2) Table of cumulative degree days, published by the University of California Agricultural Extension Service office in Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. (EXHIBIT C).

Several publications have made conclusions about the over all climate of this area.

"Certain vineyards, especially those in the cooler microclimate, will indeed produce some of the best wines from Northern California." ALEXIS LICHINE'S NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WINES AND SPIRITS, Alfred A. Knopf, New York 1974, p 499

"One of the most important of these (Mendocino County microclimates) will be Anderson Valley. This area is tucked into the mountains between Ukiah and the coast. The environment varies from a maritime climate, unsuitable for grape growing to a cool Region II climate on the U.C. Davis I - V heat accumulation scale. The portion of the valley shared by Edmeades and Husch, near Philo, is one of the coolest grape growing areas in California. The Booneville (sic) area, six miles up Anderson Valley, edges into Region II heat accumulation." CONNOISSEUR'S GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE, Alameda Ca. 1978, Vol 3, Issue 6, p 109.

"....as grape growing regions the cooler coastal valleys of California have much in common with such cool regions as Germany and Burgundy and Bordeaux in France." WINE, AN INTRODUCTION FOR AMERICANS, U.C. Press, Berkeley, M.A.Amerine, V.L. Singleton, 1972, pp 48, 49.

CLIMATE continued

"....while the newest wineries and vineyards are in Anderson Valley, a Region I." ANDRE SIMON'S THE WINES OF THE WORLD, Second edition by Serena Sutcliff, McGraw Hill Book Co., New York 1981. p 491.

BOUNDARY LINES OF THE AREA

The boundary lines are those historically considered as ANDERSON VALLEY and essentially lie within the watershed of the Navarro River.

Approved maps: The maps showing the boundaries of the ANDERSON VALLEY viticultural area are of the USGS 15 Minute Series, California-Mendocino County.

- 1) Navarro Quadrangle
- 2) Boonville Quadrangle
- 3) Ornbau Valley Quadrangle

Boundries: The ANDERSON VALLEY viticultural area is located entirely within Mendocino County, California. From the beginning point at the junction of Baily Gulch and the South Branch North Fork Navarro River, in Section 8, T15N, R15W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, the boundary runs.....

- 1) Southeasterly in a straight line to the unnamed hill-top, elevation 2015 feet, in the northeast corner of section 9, T13N, R13W, MDBM;
- 2) Southwesterly in a straight line to Benchmark 680 in Section 30, T13N, R13W, MDBM;
- 3) Northwesterly in a straight line to the intersection of the unnamed creek and the south section line of Section 14, T14N, R15W, MDBM;
- 4) Westerly in a straight line along the south section lines of Sections 14, 15, 16, T14N, R15W, MDBM, to the intersection of the south section line of Section 16 and Greenwood Creek and;
- 5) Continues northwesterly along Greenwood Creek to a point in Section 33, T15N, R16W, MDBM, directly south of Benchmark 1057 in Section 28;
- 6) Directly north in a straight line to Benchmark 1057 in Section 28, T15N, R16W, MDBM and;
- 7) East northeasterly in a straight line to the beginning point

Maps with the boundaries are attached.

CONCLUSION

The proposed area is also to be part of a larger viticulture area, MENDOCINO. However, to preserve the area from which grapes, for so many years, have been used in producing distinctive wines, the petitioners strongly feel would be of value to the consumer

We hereby respectfully request that ANDERSON VALLEY be defined as a separate viticulture area.

See attached sheet for petition signatures.



Patricia W. Summers
Eaglehearth Vineyard

for the ANDERSON VALLEY
Appellation Committee

Wineries located within proposed "Anderson Valley" Appellation.

Greenwood Ridge

Navarro Vineyards & Winery

Husch Vineyards & Winery

Edmeades Vineyards & Winery

Larry Parsons Vineyards & Winery

Lazy Creek Vineyards & Winery

Vineyards located within proposed "Anderson Valley" Appellation.

Goodhue Vineyards

Balverne Vineyards

Big Tree Vineyards

B.J. Carney Co. Vineyards

Vgd. Mgr.

Dennison Brothers Vineyards

Eaglehearth Vineyards

Edmeades Vineyards

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Demuth Vineyards

Husch Vineyards

Lazy Creek Vineyards

Parsons Vineyards

Pullman Vineyards

Navarro Vineyards

Wiley Vineyards

Dupratt Vineyards

Greenwood Ridge Vineyards

1981 MENDOCINO COUNTY GRAPE ACREAGE

Published by Mendocino County Farm Advisors Office

Reported by District and by Variety

B. E. Bearden 6/15/82

Variety	Ukiah	Redwood Valley	Hopland	Potter Valley	Anderson Valley	Unclassified	Bearing	Non Bearing	
1. Alicante	*	*	-	-	-	-	17	-	17
2. Barbera	*	*	-	-	-	-	22	5	27
3. Cabernet Sauvignon	B 320 NB -	B 129 NB -	B 403 NB -	B 16 NB -	B 37 NB -	B 22 NB -	927	-	927
4. Carignane	B 864 NB 12	B 714 NB 12	B 307 NB 9	- -	B 2 NB -	B 1 NB -	1,888	33	1,921
5. Chardonnay	B 213 NB 72	B 105 NB 15	B 170 NB 57	B 22 NB 5	B 105 NB 46	B 5 NB 83	620	278	898
6. Chasselas Dore	*	*	-	-	-	-	14	-	14
7. Chenin Blanc	B 237 NB 87	B 35 NB 6	B 97 NB 40	- -	- -	B - NB 9	369	142	511
8. Early Burgundy	B 68 NB -	B 2 NB -	B 4 NB -	- -	- -	- -	74	-	74
9. Flora	B 35 NB -	B 2 NB -	B 12 NB -	- -	- -	- -	49	-	49
10. French Colombard	B 633 NB 55	B 193 NB 20	B 172 NB 4	- -	B 13 NB -	B 9 NB 12	1,020	91	1,111
11. Gamay	B 49 NB -	B 51 NB 2	B 7 NB -	- -	- -	- -	107	2	109
12. Gamay Beaujolais	B 161 NB -	B 147 NB -	B 229 NB -	B 85 NB -	B 13 NB -	- -	635	-	635
13. Gewurtztraminer	B 81 NB -	B 2 NB -	- -	B - NB 10	B 97 NB 6	B 12 NB 51	192	67	259
14. Gray Riesling	B 80 NB 9	B 41 NB 18	B 10 NB 7	B 15 NB 7	B 11 NB -	- -	157	41	198
15. Green Hungarian	B 37 NB 2	B 58 NB 11	B 5 NB -	- -	- -	- -	100	13	113
16. Grenache	B 14 NB -	B 6 NB -	B 57 NB -	- -	- -	- -	77	-	77
17. Merlot	B 20 NB -	B 13 NB 2	B 33 NB -	B 17 NB -	B 14 NB -	B 1 NB -	98	2	100

Source: California Crop Reporting Service, Fruit & Nut Acreage Summary, 1981 and

Variety	Ukiah	Redwood Valley	Hopland	Potter Valley	Anderson Valley	Unclassified	Bearing	Non Bearing	
18. Palomino/ Golden Chasselas	B 39 NB -	B 31 NB -	B 7 NB -	- -	B 5 NB -	- -	82 -	- -	82 -
19. Petite Sirah	B 192 NB 4	B 115 NB 1	B 188 NB -	- -	- -	B 19 NB 2	514 -	7 -	521 -
20. Pinot Blanc	-	*	*	-	-	-	32	-	32
21. Pinot Noir	B 126 NB -	B 84 NB 3	B 18 NB -	B 49 NB -	B 47 NB -	- -	324 -	3 -	327 -
22. Ruby Cabernet	B 16 NB -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	16 -	- -	16 -
23. Sauvignon Blanc	B 112 NB 48	B 34 NB 30	B 43 NB 47	B 40 NB 11	B - NB 22	B 6 NB 73	235 -	231 -	466 -
24. Sauvignon Vert.	*	*	-	-	-	-	21	1	22
25. Semillon	*	*	-	-	-	-	18	5	23
26. Sylvaner	*	-	*	-	-	-	27	-	27
27. White Riesling/ Johannisberg	B 77 NB 7	B 6 NB -	B 18 NB -	B 138 NB -	B 58 NB 42	B 16 NB 16	313 -	65 -	378 -
28. Zinfandel	B 752 NB 10	B 254 NB 20	B 166 NB 3	B 30 NB -	B 32 NB 25	B 23 NB 7	1,257 -	65 -	1,322 -
29. Other White	B - NB 7	B 16 NB -	B 5 NB -	- -	B 4 NB -	- -	25 -	7 -	32 -
30. Other Black	B 2 NB 1	B 3 NB 7	B - NB 1	- -	B 3 NB -	B - NB -	8 -	9 -	17 -
TOTAL:	B 4,201 NB 319 <u>4,520</u>	B 2,085 NB 148 <u>2,233</u>	B 1,985 NB 173 <u>2,158</u>	B 412 NB 33 <u>445</u>	B 441 NB 141 <u>582</u>	B 114 NB 253 <u>367</u>	B 9,239 NB - <u>9,239</u>	B 1,067 NB - <u>1,067</u>	B 10,305 NB - <u>10,305</u>

B - Bearing NB = Non Bearing

* Asterisk indicates regions where plantings exist but acreage is omitted to avoid disclosure of individual holdings. Acreages are included in totals.

Other White includes white varieties with ten acres or less in Mendocino County. They are: Burger, Clairette Blanche, Emerald Riesling, Folle Blanche, Hungarian Millenium, Malvasia Bianca.

Other Black varieties includes varieties with ten acres or less in Mendocino County. They are: Charbono, Pinot St. George, Refoso/Mondeuse.

Unclassified is made up of vineyards not included in the five major areas.

EXHIBIT B

1969 STATION COMPARISON
ACCUMULATED DEGREE DAYS FOR GRAPE PRODUCTION

	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Philo - J. Gowan	30	310	390	496	480	240	139	2450
Comptche - F. Tunzi	38	281	303	362	351	364	181	1880
McDowell - S. Gummer	45	357	435	682	667	540	171	2897
Redwood Valley - H. Howard	45	399	509	696	676	528	196	3049
Hopland - U.C.	102	422	519	722	735	600	273	3376
Potter Valley - Weather Bu.	111	471	528	772	766	648	279	3575
Ukiah - Weather Bu.	129	487	534	760	772	654	285	3612

ANNUAL STATION COMPARISON

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Philo - J. Gowan	2009	2465	2710	2111	2512	2361
Comptche - F. Tunzi	--	--	--	2174	1880	2027
McDowell - S. Gummer	--	--	--	2828	2897	2863
Redwood Valley - H. Howard	2667	2973	3069	2905	3049	2933
Hopland - U.C.	3145	3230	3259	2999	3376	3201
Ukiah - Alex Thomas	2820	2968	3464	--	--	3084
Ukiah - Weather Bu.	3296	3622	3681	3513	3612	3544
Potter Valley - Weather Bu.	--	--	--	3277	3575	3426

Grape Region Designations: Region I Less than 2500 degree days
 II 2501 - 3000
 III 3001 - 3500
 IV 3501 - 4000
 V 4001 or more

W hat year?

EXHIBIT C

TABLE OF CUMULATIVE DEGREE DAYS

SONOMA COUNTY	7-MO. TOTALS	RANGE OF CUM DEGREE DAYS						
		APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Cloverdale	3,654.0	249.0	419.5	582.0	710.0	673.0	609.0	412.0
Healdsburg	3,202.0	222.0	381.0	516.0	582.0	586.0	540.0	375.0
Santa Rosa	2,757.9	180.0	306.9	435.0	504.0	508.0	483.0	341.0
Sonoma	2,888.0	177.0	301.0	471.0	570.0	552.0	498.0	319.0
Petaluma	2,731.3	168.0	294.5	423.0	495.0	505.3	489.0	356.5
High to	2,731.3	168.0	294.0	423.0	495.0	505.0	483.0	319.0
Low Range	3,654.0	249.0	419.0	582.0	710.0	673.0	609.0	412.0
Average	3,046.0	199.0	340.6	485.5	572.2	564.0	523.8	360.6

MENDOCINO	7-MO. TOTALS	RANGE OF CUM DEGREE DAYS						
		APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Ukiah (2)	2,819.0	60.0	254.0	450.0	623.0	632.0	453.0	347.0
Redwood Valley	2,914.0	81.0	295.0	453.0	645.0	645.0	501.0	295.0
Coyote Dam	3,084.0	93.0	264.0	492.0	663.0	682.0	561.0	329.0
Hopland U.C.	3,113.0	90.0	341.0	489.0	679.0	676.0	528.0	310.0
Potter Valley	3,353.0	177.0	341.0	510.0	735.0	691.0	567.0	332.0
Ukiah (1)	3,490.0	219.0	372.0	528.0	735.0	701.0	582.0	353.0
High to	2,819.0	60.0	254.0	450.0	623.0	632.0	453.0	295.0
Low Range	3,490.0	219.0	372.0	528.0	735.0	701.0	582.0	353.0
Average	3,128.0	120.0	311.0	487.0	680.0	671.6	532.0	327.6

LAKE COUNTY	7-MO. TOTALS	RANGE OF CUM DEGREE DAYS						
		APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Upper Lake	2,967.0	123.0	304.0	457.0	702.0	702.0	626.0	337.0
Scotts Valley	3,447.0	114.0	317.0	476.0	791.0	792.0	622.0	335.0
Kelseyville	3,365.0	110.0	325.0	487.0	766.0	766.0	593.0	319.0
Middletown	3,742.0	153.0	362.0	544.0	824.0	825.0	673.0	363.0
High to	2,967.0	110.0	304.0	457.0	702.0	702.0	593.0	319.0
Low Range	3,742.0	153.0	362.0	544.0	824.0	825.0	673.0	363.0
Average	3,380.0	125.0	327.0	491.0	771.0	771.0	629.0	339.0

COASTAL CLIMATE	7-MO. TOTALS	RANGE OF CUM DEGREE DAYS						
		APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Boonville (1)	2,522.0	96.0	260.0	387.0	456.0	521.0	486.0	316.0
Boonville (2)	2,906.0	141.0	267.0	438.0	580.0	595.0	522.0	363.0
Philo	2,267.0	30.0	217.0	360.0	496.0	496.0	420.0	348.0
High to	2,267.0	30.0	217.0	360.0	456.0	496.0	420.0	316.0
Low Range	2,906.0	141.0	267.0	438.0	580.0	595.0	522.0	363.0
Average	2,565.0	89.0	248.0	395.0	511.0	537.0	476.0	342.0

WILLITS	7-MO. TOTALS	RANGE OF CUM DEGREE DAYS						
		APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
High to	2,224.0	21.0	192.0	363.0	508.0	515.0	396.0	229.0
Low Range	N.A.							
Average	2,224	21.0	192.0	363.0	508.0	515.0	396.0	229.0

All data on this exhibit is from climate studies done by the University of California Agricultural Extension Service offices in Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties and is available from them on request.

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Gentlemen:

We are recommending that your agency approve an "appellation designation" for the region known as Anderson Valley in Mendocino County, California. Some years ago, this area was surveyed and studied as well as other areas of Mendocino County, by grape growing specialists from the University of California at Davis as having the best environment and potential for growing premium quality varietal wine grapes by virtue of its coastal climatical condition in addition to the favorable grape soil types.

In ensuing years, extensive vineyards have been, and are being planted in this region. The budding local wineries are producing a distinctive characteristic wine typical of Region I and II, thereby substantiating the validity of the evaluation made by early researchers. Wine consumers and the wine industry will surely benefit from this recognition of fine products produced by this region.

Sincerely yours,


Roberto A. de Grassi
Agricultural Commissioner

RAD/jt
cc:

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10 November 1982

Mr. Robert L. White
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Dear Mr. White,

As per our telephone conversation, 5 November, enclosed are the figures you requested.

We have calculated the measurement of the area in the proposed Anderson Valley appellation and have arrived at the figure of 89.99 plus. For obvious reasons we would like to round that off to 90 square miles.

So, let us say there are 90 square miles within the boundaries of the proposed Anderson Valley appellation.

Since you have not received the letters of support we sent to you last August, enclosed are copies of those letters. We would appreciate your attaching them to our proposal.

Thank you for your assistance in sheparding our proposal through the maze. If we can do anything more to facilitate the matter, please advise.

Sincerely 


Pat Summers


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20 August 1982

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Subject: Additions to the Viticulture Area Petition of ANDERSON VALLEY

Gentleman/Ladies:

On 26 July we sent to you the petition for recognition of ANDERSON VALLEY as a designated appellation. At that time all the letters of support had not yet arrived.

Enclosed are two letters of support that have been sent to the Anderson Valley Appellation Committee with the request that we forward them to you. We would appreciate you attaching them to our petition.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


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Gentlemen:

We are recommending that your agency approve an "appellation designation" for the region known as Anderson Valley in Mendocino County, California. Some years ago, this area was surveyed and studied as well as other areas of Mendocino County, by grape growing specialists from the University of California at Davis as having the best environment and potential for growing premium quality varietal wine grapes by virtue of its coastal climatical condition in addition to the favorable grape soil types.

In ensuing years, extensive vineyards have been, and are being planted in this region. The budding local wineries are producing a distinctive characteristic wine typical of Region I and II, thereby substantiating the validity of the evaluation made by early researchers. Wine consumers and the wine industry will surely benefit from this recognition of fine products produced by this region.

Sincerely yours,


Roberto A. de Grassi
Agricultural Commissioner

RAD/jt
cc:

Pat Summers ✓
c/o Anderson Valley Appellation
Committee
Post Office Box 502
Boonville, California 95415

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August 6, 1982

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire Arms

RE: Appellation for Anderson Valley Valley

Gentlemen:

There is no doubt in my mind that the Anderson Valley Viticultural Region is a unique winegrape producing area in California, and perhaps in the world. Its unique qualities are derived primarily from its climate which is among the coolest grape growing climates in California.

The northwestern boundary of the Anderson Valley Viticultural Region probably represents a physical boundary, beyond which it is too cool to raise wine-grapes consistently.

The number of varieties that can be grown in the Anderson Valley Viticultural Region is limited by the coolness of the climate. Presently the leading varieties are Chardonnay, Gewurtztraminer, White Reisling, and Pinot Noir, chosen for their adaptation to cooler grape growing regions. The wines from these varieties have gained substantial recognition in the form of premiums and prizes in statewide and national competition, as well as acclaim by professionals from within the wine industry.

The acreage within the Anderson Valley Viticultural Region is expanding, and based on my personal contacts and assessment of future plantings, the acreage will likely double within the next few years and the number of wineries increase from six to eight or nine.

I wholeheartedly support the concept of establishing an appellation for Anderson Valley; it simply makes good sense. I hope that you will favorably consider the application for appellation offered by the growers and vintners of Anderson Valley.

Sincerely,



Bruce E. Bearden
Farm Advisor

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July 27, 1982

Director
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Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Sir:

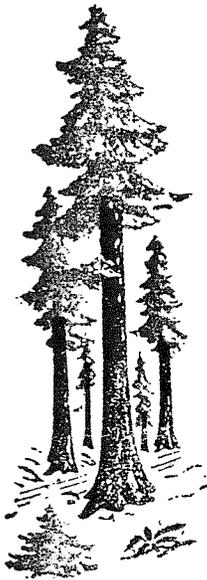
The Anderson Valley Chamber of Commerce enthusiastically supports the efforts of the Anderson Valley Appellation Committee in its request for an appellation designation from your Bureau. The region is well defined and it produces wines of gold medal winning quality.

Our Chamber, at a recent meeting unanimously voted to lend our support to their request that they be granted an appellation designation for our area.

Very truly yours,

ANDERSON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE


S. W. Blattner, President



cc: Anderson Valley Appellation Committee
4900 Star Route
Philo, Ca. 95466

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