

# Hermannhof Winery

330 East First St. Hermann, Mo. 65041 Phone (314) 486-5959

January 14, 1983

Chief Regulations and Procedures Div.  
BATF  
Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044

Re: Notice No. 440

To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly favor the "Hermann" designation for appellation. The area is fast growing as a significant wine and grape area. It will rival or surpass its pre-prohibition reputation as an outstanding and significant producer of wine and grapes.

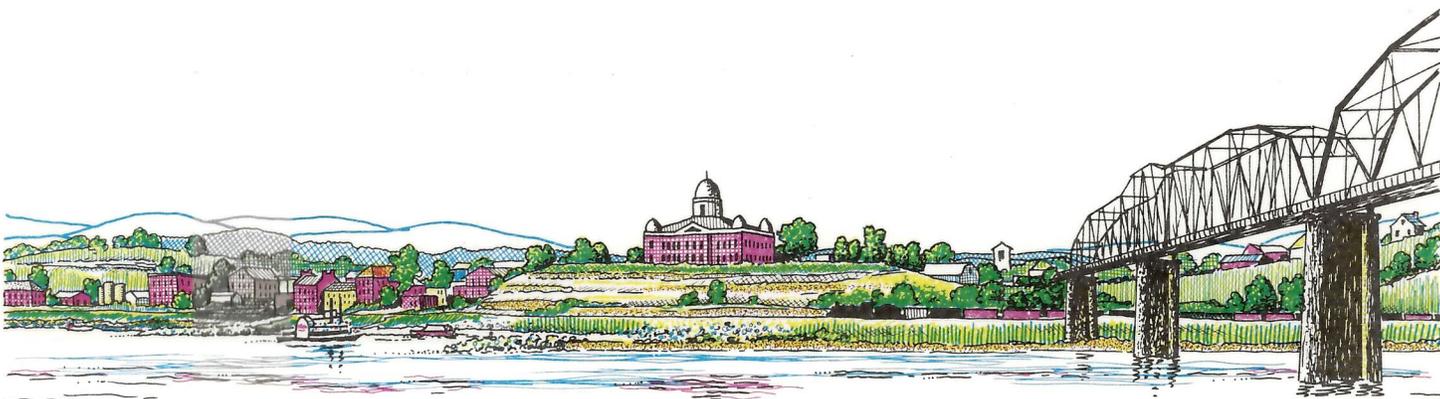
My investment in the wine and grapes in the past three or four years in Hermann exceeds one million dollars. This investment is the tip of the iceberg of the investment others will be making in this appellation "Hermann" if it is approved.

I sincerely recommend approval.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]  
James Dierberg  
President

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January 14, 1983

Chief of Regulations and  
Procedures Division  
BATF Box 385  
Washington, DC 20044

ATTN: Note #440

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is being written in support of the application for appellation for the Hermann area. As President of this bank, I am very aware of the tremendous interest and potential for vineyards in our area.

Yours truly,

FIRST MISSOURI BANK  
OF GASCONADE COUNTY



Robert C. Kirchofer  
President

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**MISSOURI  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
JEFFERSON CITY 65101**

January 20, 1983

Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, DC 20044

Attn: Notice No. 440

Dear Sir:

Please accept my comments in support of the petition for the establishment of a viticultural area in the State of Missouri to be known as "Hermann."

The historical significance of the proposed area is well-documented and the re-emergence of the area as a grape and wine producer over the past several years has been remarkable. The relatively small number of acres of grapes is attributable to the relative youth of the industry and that number is increasing despite the capital requisites.

Favorable action on the petition will add tremendous impetus to the grape and wine production of the area and I am happy to be able to support the petition.

Sincerely,



Jeff D. Schaeperkoetter  
110th District

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# *Bias Vineyards & Winery, Inc.*

Route 1, PO Box 93

Berger Mo. 63014

(314) 834-5475

January 20, 1983

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P. O. Box 385  
Washington, D. C. 20044-0385

ATTENTION: Notice No. 440

Gentlemen:

I am writing in favor of establishing a viticultural area to be known as "Hermann" for the following reasons:

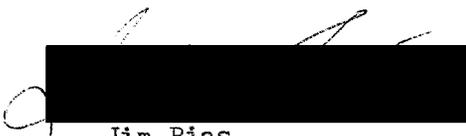
At one time the Hermann area was the largest wine-producing area in the state. There were 473 acres of vineyards near Hermann.

At the present time there are three wineries and 102 acres of vineyards in the area. I believe interest is growing and more vineyards and wineries will be starting in the near future.

I, also, believe that the wines from this area will be of a unique nature because of the deep soil. I feel it would be very helpful to the consumer.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
[Redacted Signature]

Jim Bias



MISSOURI SENATE

JEFFERSON CITY

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RALPH UTHLAUT, JR.  
23RD DISTRICT  
ROUTE 1  
NEW FLORENCE, MO. 63363  
PHONE: 314-252-4365

January 21, 1983

Chief Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044-0385

Attn: Notice No. 440

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that the area around Hermann, Missouri, has asked to be declared a viticultural area and to be called Hermann.

Having lived in this area all of my life I am well aware of the wine making and grape growing history of this region. The early settlers of this area were aware of the favorable environment for these industries and established several wine making businesses and vineyards on the hills surrounding the town of Hermann.

This industry died out back during the prohibition area and then was recently revived again by Mr. Jim Held and several other people in the immediate area. It has now become a very viable part of the economy and is of benefit not only to those making the wine, but to the agricultural economy.

I can honestly say with all sincerity that I believe the designation as a viticulture area would be of benefit to the people of the area, both to the agricultural interest and tourism which is also a new and growing part of the economy.

I would certainly hope that you would give favorable consideration to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Ralph Uthlaut, Jr.  
State Senator, 23rd District

RU:kb  
cc: Jim Held



# Rosati Winery

ASHBY VINEYARDS, INC.  
RT. 1, BOX 55 ST. JAMES, MO. 65559

R. H. ASHBY  
PRESIDENT  
RONALD E. MORELAND  
WINEMAKER  
314-265-8629

January 21, 1983

Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms  
Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044-0385

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that "Hermann" has been proposed as a viticultural area.

As President of the Missouri Winegrowers Association and one who is quite familiar with the proposed area, I would like to offer my support to Mr. Held and Mr. Bias in their efforts.

The area does have a long history of grape growing and production of fine wines. Our organization is very proud to have this area in the state and we recognize their efforts to bring Missouri back to the prominence it once had in the world wine market.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Moreland - President

Missouri Winegrowers Association

# City of Hermann

312 SCHILLER STREET  
HERMANN, MISSOURI 65041

OFFICE OF The Mayor

TELEPHONE: (314) 486-5953

January 21, 1983

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044-0385

Attn: Notice No. 440

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that your agency is considering a petition to identify our area as a national viticulture area.

As Mayor of the City of Hermann, I would like to let you know of my strong support of this petition.

As you are aware, Hermann was founded due principally to its suitability for growing grapes for wine production.

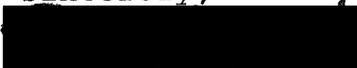
I feel a designation of this nature would contribute greatly to supporting the Germanic culture and background, thus adding to the tourism qualities for which our community has become famous.

I realize that only 102 acres of land currently produces grapes. However, this designation could assist with expanding opportunities for others to enter into grape production, thus expanding our industry directly related to Hermann's heritage.

I myself, being involved in the agriculture industry, totally appreciate the impact that viticulture has played in our community and can see the value of recognition in this area.

Again, let me say that I fully support the petition that Mr. Held and Mr. Bias have presented to you. I would appreciate your full consideration of this request as to its importance of designating grape growing areas and that the appellations of origins be granted for this area.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel C. Yoest,  
Mayor

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CC: Jim Held

Berger, Missouri  
25 January 1983

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P. O. Box 385  
Washington, D. C. 20044-0385

ATTENTION: Notice No. 440

Gentlemen:

A "Hermann" viticultural area as described in Notice No. 440 would stimulate considerable additional interest in the mid U. S. A., especially the State of Missouri, the Counties of Gasconade and Franklin there in, "Hermann" in particular, and et cetera.

Past history for this area clearly delineates Hermann Area as a large wine-producing area, - lets keep it that way- after all, the climate and soil in the hills of Missouri in this proposed viticultural area , as outlined, are most perfect for the best vineyards and wineries, compatable to others known world-wide.

I believe the wines now produced, as well as future contemplated production, will equal or even could surpass present world sources.

I know a favorable response to this matter will be appreciated by the citizenry in the proposed "Hermann" Viticultural Area.

Sincerely,



Clement C. Meyer  
Mayor 63014

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE OF MISSOURI

CHRISTOPHER S. BOND  
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JEFFERSON CITY 65102

JAMES B. BOILLOT  
DIRECTOR

January 26, 1983

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Post Office Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044-0385

ATTENTION: Notice No. 440

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in support of the petition submitted by Messrs. Jim Held and Jim Bias of Hermann, Missouri, to have Hermann, Missouri designated as a viticultural area.

The area surrounding the town of Hermann has a history of grape growing and wine production that dates back to 1843. Stone Hill Winery, one of the largest wineries in the United States at the turn of the century, was reopened in 1965. The revitalization of this winery has rejuvenated the wine production in this area. Since 1965, two other wineries have opened their doors to the public. These wineries are Bias Vineyards and Winery and Hermannhof Winery.

Once again this area is becoming known for the fine wine that made it famous in earlier times. The viticultural area designation and the subsequent use of "Hermann" as an appellation of origin will allow consumers to identify the fine wine of this region of the state of Missouri.

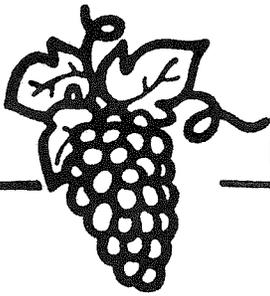
I not only support this measure, but encourage you to move forward with this designation at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment.

Sincerely,

James B. Boillot  
Director of Agriculture

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## MISSOURI GRAPE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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route 2, box 200, st. james, missouri 65559

January 21, 1983

Chief, Regulations and Procedures  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044

Attn: Notice No. 440

Dear Sir:

We support the efforts of the Hermann vintners and growers to define and designate the Hermann viticultural area as an appellation of origin.

Hermann has been of historical importance in the Missouri wine industry and is currently a well-known area leading the resurgence of the Missouri wine industry. Their efforts provide wonderful encouragement and opportunities for Missouri grape growers.

Sincerely,

  
Phyllis Meagher  
President, Missouri Grape Growers Association

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February 3, 1983

Mr. Stephen E. Higgins  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Alchoo, Tobacco, and Firearms  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Higgins:

Mr. James Held, President of Stone Hill Wine Company, Hermann, Missouri had recently asked my office to support a proposed Hermann viticultural area. Notice of the BATF's consideration of establishment of a viticultural area in the State of Missouri to be known as "Hermann" was published as Notice No. 440, 27CFR part 9 in the Tuesday, December 14, 1982 issue of the Federal Register.

I would like to add my support for this proposal to the record. There is a fine history of grape-growing and wine production in the area of the town of Hermann, Missouri. The designation as a viticultural area would be extremely beneficial to the continued growth of the industry.

Sincerely,  
  
John C. Danforth

Received

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