

February 23, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Carla Manuel and I am a culinary student of the Art Institute of California - Los Angeles, and I am writing to you to recommend that the Saddle Rock – Malibu viticultural area receives an American Viticultural Area Appellation. This particular area is situated such that the location and elevation creates an ideal growing area for wine-producing grapes. Their exposed area receives greater amounts of solar radiation as well as protection from the “cooling Pacific marine inversion layer” which creates a unique microclimate according to the Fox Weather report of Fortuna, California. Because of this unique microclimate, the influence of weather, soil series and descriptions, and not to mention the historical significance of prehistoric and early historic Chum ash Indian landmarks, I believe that the Saddle Rock-Malibu area is distinctive for mountainous grape-growing and must be considered for an AVA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla Manuel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Carla Manuel