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August 1, 2014

To: Vintners, Wineries, Processors

From: Lake County Winegrape Commission

RE: 2014 Harvest Assessment Report and Payments Due January 10, 2015

President

Debra Sommerfield

On behalf of the Lake County Winegrape Commission, I am writing to provide you with the 2014 Vintner Assessment Report form and to notify you that the Commission's Board of Directors has set the assessment rate for the 2014 harvest season at one percent (1%) of the gross dollar value on the sale of District 2 winegrapes, juice, and bulk wine.

The Lake County Winegrape Commission (Crush District 2) is a California state government agency responsible for promoting Lake County winegrapes and winegrape products. As a "vintner" under Commission law (*California Food and Agricultural Section 74837**), you are obligated to deduct the Commission assessment (1%) from the gross amounts paid to growers for Lake County winegrapes and to remit those assessments to the Commission.

While the Commission is authorized to require reporting and remittance from vintners after every purchase, the Commission has opted to streamline the collection process. The deadlines for submitting reports and remitting assessments are as follows:

- **Reports and assessments for harvest 2014 winegrapes are due January 10, 2015.**
- **Reports and remittance for purchases of juice and/or bulk wine are due within 30 days after that purchase.**

A copy of the reporting form is enclosed and available on the Commission's web site at www.lakecountywinegrape.org. All information provided to the Commission is confidential. If you have any questions about your obligations, please contact LCWC President Debra Sommerfield at (707) 279-2633, ext. 302.

*** NOTE:** "Vintner" means a winegrower, as defined in Section 23013 of the Business and Professions Code, who holds a winegrower's license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 23300) of Division 9 of the Business and Professions Code, and who is engaged in producing must, grape juice, grape concentrate, wine, or products thereof, including high proof and brandy by processing winegrapes or field crushed must. "Winegrower" means any person who has facilities and equipment for the conversion of grapes, berries, or other fruit into wine and is engaged in the production of wine.