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Monday, September 17, 2012

TO: All Buyers of Lake County Winegrapes/Juice

RE: 2012 Lake County Winegrape Commission Assessments

Attached you will find an assessment form for the 2012 Lake County Winegrape harvest which is now a fill in document and can be easily emailed or printed.

Pursuant to California Food and Agricultural Code Section 74951.1, the Lake County Winegrape Commission ("Commission") has set the assessment rate for the 2012 harvest at 1% of the gross dollar value of winegrapes grown in Lake County and marketed by growers. As a buyer of Lake County winegrapes, you are required to deduct the 1% assessment from the amount the amounts paid to growers for their winegrapes and to remit the assessment along with the attached form to the Commission. Payments should be sent directly to: Lake County Winegrape Commission, P.O. Box 877, Lakeport, CA 95453.

For wineries purchasing from multiple Lake County growers, your company's spreadsheet showing growers, varietal, tons, and price per ton can be submitted as an addendum to the attached form. Assessment forms are also available on our website at www.lakecountywinegrape.org. Click on the "Forms" bar on the right to download the form.

Please note that sections 74956 and 74957 of the Food and Agricultural Code provide that payment must be made within 30 days after the winery deducts the assessment from the payment to the grower. Payments that are not made in that time frame are subject to a penalty of 10% plus interest at the rate of 1.5% per month until the assessment is paid in full.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Peters, Office Manager
Lake County Winegrape Commission

Enclosure

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