

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING 2012 HARVEST GROWERS REPORT

*Please Note: Growers may need to fill out one or several sections of the form.

SECTION 1: LIST THE BUYERS/WINERIES WHO WILL BE DEDUCTING THE 1% ASSESSMENT.

Wineries/buyers are obligated to deduct the 1% assessment payments and send them directly to the Commission on behalf of growers. As in the past, growers need to list the wineries that have purchased Lake County winegrapes, as well as varietal, tonnage, and price per ton. All wineries that have purchased Lake County winegrapes in the past were sent 2012 assessment forms from the Commission office in September. Assessment forms are also available online @ www.lakecountywinegrape.org.

Note: Many growers now include the Commission assessment payment requirements in their grape contract to the winery. A sample of the verbiage that can be used is available from the commission.

SECTION 2: LIST THE WINERIES WHO ARE NOT DEDUCTING THE 1%. TO BE PAID BY GROWER.

Many growers find that it is easier to pay the Commission directly instead of involving the winery, especially if the winery is located out-of-state. If this is the case, fill out section 2. Include a check for the assessment amount if you have been paid in full by the winery. For growers receiving partial payments from wineries, the 1% assessment is due to the Commission within 30 days after the grower receives each payment.

SECTION 3: LIST THE WINERY OR CUSTOM CRUSH FACILITY WHERE YOUR WINEGRAPES ARE BEING HELD.

A. Winegrapes custom crushed for intent to be sold on the bulk market: It is the grower's responsibility to report and pay on all winegrapes that are custom crushed. Please fill out section 3 and indicate where your winegrapes are being held.

The 1% custom crush forms will be e-mailed to you from the Commission office in February 2012. Custom crush payments are due within 30 days after the grower sells his juice.

B. Winegrapes custom crushed for a wine program: Growers who also have a bonded winery license and are using their own juice for their own wine program are exempt from paying the Commission. Growers must fill out an exemption form, available by calling the Commission office (707) 995-3421, or by going online @ www.lakecountywinegrape.org.

C. Winegrapes where bottle program is cancelled: In the event that the bottle program is cancelled and the juice reverts back to bulk wine, the grower is required to pay the 1% assessment at the table 6 average price; to be paid to the Commission within 30 days of canceling the program.

SECTION 4: I DID NOT SELL ANY LAKE COUNTY WINEGRAPES IN 2012.

If you did not sell any Lake County winegrapes in 2012 please check the box, sign and return to our office.