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To: Vintners, Wineries, Processors

From: Lake County Winegrape Commission

RE: Assessment Report and Payments Due December 15, 2013

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 into just two dates for submitting reports and remitting assessments, as follows:

- **December 15, 2013:** Reports and assessments due for harvest 2013 winegrapes purchased between July 1, 2013, and November 30, 2013.
- **April 15, 2014:** Reports and assessments due for harvest 2013 winegrapes purchased between December 1, 2013, and March 31, 2014.
- For purchases of harvest 2013 winegrapes made after March 31, 2014, a supplemental report and remittance is due within **30 days after that purchase**.
- For purchases of juice and/or bulk wine, a report and remittance is 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.*