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**RE: 2019 Lake County Winegrower Harvest Report and Assessment**

Dear Lake County Winegrape Grower,

On behalf of the Lake County Winegrape Commission (LCWC), I am writing to provide you with the 2019 Winegrower Harvest Report form and submission deadlines and to notify you that the Commission's Board of Directors set the assessment rate for the 2019 marketing season at one percent (1%) of the gross dollar value on the sale of District 2 winegrapes, juice, and bulk wine.

By completing the required **Winegrower Harvest Report**, you provide vital information that enables Commission staff to work on your behalf to collect assessments due from vintners/wineries. These assessments fund the Commission's marketing, research, and education programs. Submission of the annual **Winegrower Harvest Report** is required even if you don't sell and even if you believe you are exempt. All information is kept strictly confidential.

**2019 Harvest Reports and Assessment Deadlines**

- ❖ **Winegrower Harvest Reports for harvest 2019 winegrapes are due January 10, 2020.**
- ❖ **Assessment Payments\* for harvest 2019 winegrapes are due January 10, 2020.**
- ❖ **Reports and assessments for sales of juice/bulk wine are due within 30 days after that sale.**

*\* Buyers are required to withhold the Commission assessment from amounts paid to you and submit the assessment payments on your behalf to the Commission. While you are required to provide information about your vineyards and sales to the Commission on the Winegrower Harvest Report, you are not required to remit the assessment unless your buyer refuses to do so.*

Also, please be aware that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) may conduct random vintner/winery/grower audits during the upcoming fiscal year in order to verify the accuracy of assessment reports and payments to the Commission. LCWC and CDFA both understand the value of your time and do not anticipate these audits to be excessively burdensome. In the event that you are selected for an audit, you will be given formal notice with ample time to schedule with CDFA.

If you have any questions at all regarding the form, process, or work of the Commission, please feel free to contact me directly at (707) 279-2633 or [debras@lakecountywinegrape.org](mailto:debras@lakecountywinegrape.org).

Sincerely,

Debra Sommerfield, President

Enclosure