



July 24, 2023

To: Vintners, Wineries, Processors
From: Lake County Winegrape Commission
RE: 2023 Vintner Assessment Reports and Payments Due January 10, 2024

This is to notify you that the Lake County Winegrape Commission has set the assessment rate for the 2023 harvest season at one percent (1%) of the gross dollar value on the sale of Crush District 2 winegrapes, juice, and bulk wine.

The Lake County Winegrape Commission (Crush District 2) is a California state agency responsible for promoting Lake County winegrapes and winegrape products.

As a "vintner" under Commission law, you are required to deduct the Commission assessment from the gross amounts paid to growers for Lake County winegrapes and to remit those assessments to the Commission on the growers' behalf. You are required to provide the names of the growers from whom you purchase and for whom you process winegrapes and the amount of assessment remitted for each grower.

Enclosed please find the required 2023 Vintner Assessment Report Form and Worksheet, also available online at:
www.lakecountywinegrape.org/growers/forms

2023 Assessment Reports and Payment Deadlines

- ★ Vintner Assessment Reports and Assessment Payments for harvest 2023 winegrapes are due **January 10, 2024**.

All information provided to the Commission is kept strictly confidential.

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

If you have any questions about your obligations, please contact Lake County Winegrape Commission President Debra Sommerfield at (707) 279-2633.

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