

FW: Winery Rules

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to comment on the rule re-write that the county is undertaking as related to wineries. Currently it appears there is a good amount of grey-area around the type of food service that a winery can provide without obtaining an Agri-Tourism permit. I think it is good to add clarification here.

I strongly urge that wineries be permitted to serve food at whatever level the Yakima County Health Department will permit the kitchen facilities without requiring an Agri-Tourism permit. It does not make sense to serve alcoholic beverages without food. It can lead to intoxication and unsafe driving conditions. This is a basic safety issue. If more wineries could serve heavy meals (full food service), there would be increased safety on the roads.

Additionally, I urge the County to allow some limited number of events at wineries without the need for an Agri-Tourism permit. I would suggest 6-10 events per year be allowed so wineries can have special events such as weddings for friends and family, events (food and music) to show appreciation to their wine club members, crafting classes, "girl's night out" events, etc. I understand that multiple events every month could be a problem, but given the strict definition of an "event", I think it makes sense to allow a few, limited events.

An alternate suggestion would be to redefine "event" to be a larger gathering than it is currently defined as. For example, perhaps an event could be defined as lasting 6 or more hours and including 30 or more people. This would allow for limited music and special food service during a short period of time for something such as a wine club appreciation afternoon or a girl's night out.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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