List of Requirements for Small Wineries from Placer County Departments

EHS = Environmental Health Services
ESD = Engineering and Surveying Division
PLN = Planning Services Division
BLD = Building Services Division
FIRE = Cal Fire
DRC = Development Review Committee

****The following list of requirements is intended to give winery owners a basic idea of the requirements for various uses. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, and other County and State/Federal requirements not listed may also apply.*

B. Tasting Room: *(In addition to requirements for "A. Winery Production")*

1. A minimum of five on-site, permanent parking spaces shall be provided. One of the five shall be designated as a Disabled Accessible parking space, and shall include a 9' x 20' stall and an 8'x20' loading and unloading area on asphalt concrete or Portland cement concrete, meeting California Building Code requirements. An approved accessible path of travel shall be provided between the accessible parking space(s) and structures and facilities on the site. (PLN/BLD)
2. Provide adequate sewage disposal for the maximum number of patrons and employees per day. This would require connection to public sewer or onsite sewage disposal system under permit with Environmental Health Services. The restroom facility count shall be based on minimum occupancy requirements outlined by the current adopted California Plumbing Code. This calculation shall include all outside seating areas. (EHS/ BLD)
3. Bottled water needs to be provided to patrons for drinking water. (EHS)
4. Prepackaged foods such as crackers and chips can be utilized and will not require a food facility permit. If potentially hazardous foods and/or food preparation proposed (cheeses, bread, olives etc) then a food facility plan check and annual health permit is required. Minimum equipment requirements shall be in accordance with the California Retail Food Code. (EHS)
5. All structures shall be permitted and approved for the intended use. (BLD/FIRE)
6. Access roads to winery structures and associated areas shall meet State and local Fire Safe Standards as determined by the serving fire agency. (ESD/FIRE)
7. Pave all access driveways and private access road connections where they connect to a County maintained roadway per a Plate R-17 standard. Access to County maintained roadway shall meet applicable sight distance standards for encroachment based on roadway design speed.
   a) Improvement Plans required for County maintained roadway design speed greater than 35 mph (Major component of Plate R-17).
   b) Encroachment Permit required for County maintained roadway design speed equal to or less than 35 mph (Minor component of Plate R-17). With Encroachment Permit, a sketch of proposed encroachment improvements shall be provided to DPW for review and approval prior to the start of construction. (ESD/DPW)
8. If access is by private road, the applicant shall provide reasonable proof of access rights to the Engineering and Surveying Division. (ESD)
9. Private access road and access driveways shall meet minimum state and local fire safety standards; width shall be a minimum 20 foot paved surface plus 2 foot shoulders and designed to support a 40,000 pound vehicle, or as otherwise approved by the serving fire district. Improvement Plans may be required for review and approval by ESD. (ESD/FIRE)
10. Any access gates shall be a minimum of 2 feet wider than the access road and any face of gate and/or entry keypad shall be set back a minimum of 30 feet from the edge of pavement of the roadway. (FIRE/ESD)
11. If applicable, a Grading Permit shall be obtained for any retaining walls exceeding 4 feet in total height, as measured from bottom of footing to the top of the wall and /or supporting a surcharge, cuts or fills exceeding 4 feet in depth, fill or excavation greater than 250 cubic yards, or soil disturbances exceeding 10,000 square feet on slopes 10% or greater, or as otherwise required by Placer County Code, Article 15.48, Placer County Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control Ordinance. (ESD)

12. Appropriate water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stormwater runoff and erosion control shall be installed and maintained as needed for the protection of local drainages and waterways. Improvement Plans may be required for review and approval by ESD. (ESD/DPW)
13. Parking spaces, ramps, walk ways and exit paths shall meet current California Building Code accessibility standards. (BLD)
14. Pay traffic fees for tasting room based on Placer County Traffic Fee Program. (DPW/ESD)
15. Kitchen hood extinguishing systems shall be provided for commercial kitchens. (FIRE / BLD)
16. Fire Apparatus Access road shall provide a minimum of 13'6" vertical clearance. (FIRE)
17. The turning radius of a fire apparatus road shall be as approved. (FIRE)
18. Fire Apparatus Access roads shall be provided all buildings or facilities when any part of the exterior of the building is greater than 150' from a fire apparatus access road as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility. (FIRE)
19. Dead end fire apparatus access roads exceeding 150' shall be provided with an approved hammerhead or turnaround. (FIRE)
20. Emergency firefighting access throughout all buildings and gated areas shall be provided by the knox system. (FIRE)
21. Commercial facilities exceeding 1,500 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Alarm System. (FIRE)
22. Commercial facilities exceeding 3,600 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Sprinkler System. (FIRE)
23. An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all facilities. (FIRE)
24. Fire extinguishers shall be provided as per NFPA 10. (FIRE)
25. Obtain a valid Business License.
26. Provide the County with a copy of your approved Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License.