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.

C. Promotional Wine-Related Events (Maximum 6 events per year): (In addition to requirements for “A. Winery Production”)

1. Apply for and be approved for an Administrative Review Permit (ARP). (PLN)
2. Limited to six (6) Promotional Events/Year. A “Promotional Event” is intended to allow for the sampling and direct marketing and sales of wines produced on the premises or produced elsewhere from grapes grown on site. Such events include “winemaker’s dinners,” but does not include events such as weddings, private parties, etc. (PLN)
3. No single promotional event shall exceed more than two consecutive days. (PLN)
4. All parking shall be provided on site. (No “on street” parking allowed.) Proof of adequate parking for events must be reviewed and approved by the DRC. Accessible parking with code specified access aisle(s) shall be provided at a ratio of 1 to 25 on site parking spaces. (FIRE/DPWF/ESD/PLN/BLD)
5. Temporary, overflow parking may be utilized, subject to approval by the Development Review Committee and the Zoning Administrator. (PLN)
6. All promotional events shall be subject to the Placer County Noise Ordinance. (PLN)
7. For wineries accessed by a shared, private road, notice of a pending ARP request shall be given to all property owners who share access rights with the applicant. If access is by private road, the applicant shall provide reasonable proof of access rights to the Engineering and Surveying Division. (PLN/ESD)
8. Provide adequate sewage disposal facilities required for a maximum of 6 events per year. Portable toilets are allowed if an adequate number of units, as outlined by the current California Plumbing Code and based on occupancy allowed by the use permit, are provided for the proposed number of patrons, hand washing stations are available and the portable toilets are removed from the site at the close of the event. (EHS/BLD)
9. Potable water shall be provided as part of a small winery with a tasting room. This requires either connection to a public water supply or an onsite well that was constructed under a permit sampled and approved by Environmental Health for the intended use. Sites that have occupancy of 25 persons or greater, or will prepare food, or serve 25 or more people greater that 59 days per year shall construct a public well and obtain a public water system permit from Environmental Health. (EHS)
10. Adequate trash receptacles shall be made available to patrons and solid waste shall be taking to an approved solid waste facility at the close of the event. (EHS)
11. If food service is proposed for the event then a temporary outdoor event food facility permit needs to be obtained with Environmental Health Services for each event. All applicable sections of the California Retail Food Code shall apply. (EHS)
12. All structures shall be permitted and approved for the intended use. (BLD/FIRE)
13. Tents and canopies shall be approved by the local fire agency. (FIRE)
14. Access roads to winery structures and associated event areas shall meet State and local Fire Safe Standards as determined by the serving fire agency. (ESD/FIRE)
15. Pave all access driveways and private access road connections where they connect to a County maintained roadway per a Plate 116 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
b) Encroachment Permit required for County maintained roadway design speed equal to or less than 35 mph (Minor component of Plate 116). With Encroachment Permit, a sketch of proposed encroachment improvements shall be provided to DPWF for review and approval prior to the start of construction. (ESD/DPWF)

16. 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 75,000 pound vehicle, or as otherwise approved by the serving fire district. Improvement Plans may be required for review and approval by ESD. (ESD/FIRE)

17. 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)

18. Circulation/access ways to be kept free and clear throughout events. (FIRE/ESD)

19. Traffic control measures shall be implemented during events to prevent “queuing” onto public rights-of-way. (DPWF)

20. 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)

21. 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/DPWF)

22. Parking spaces, ramps, and access ways shall meet California Building Code accessibility standards. (BLD)

23. Pay traffic fees for tasting room and events based on Placer County Traffic Impact Fee Program. (DPWF/ESD)

24. Fire Apparatus Access road shall provide a minimum of 13’6” vertical clearance. (FIRE)

25. The turning radius of a fire apparatus road shall be as approved. (FIRE)

26. Fire Apparatus Access roads shall be provided to 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)

27. Dead end fire apparatus access roads exceeding 150’ shall be provided with an approved hammerhead or turnaround. (FIRE)

28. Emergency firefighting access throughout all buildings and gated areas shall be provided by the knox system. (FIRE)

29. Commercial facilities exceeding 1,500 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Alarm System. (FIRE)

30. Commercial facilities exceeding 3,600 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Sprinkler System. (FIRE)

31. An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all facilities. (FIRE)

32. Fire extinguishers shall be provided as per NFPA 10. (FIRE)

33. Obtain a valid Business License.

34. Provide the County with a copy of your approved Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License.