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**California Winegrape Inspection Marketing Agreement  
Notice of 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Inspection Fees**

TO THE VINTNER/PROCESSOR ADDRESSED:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department), upon the recommendation of the California Winegrape Inspection Advisory Board (Board), has established winegrape inspection fees for the 2016-2017 fiscal year being May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

The Board is authorized to conduct third-party inspection of winegrapes as well as to conduct research relating to inspection procedures for winegrapes. The funds for administering this program are generated by assessments levied equitably upon winegrape vintners/processors that have signed-up to participate in the Winegrape Inspection Marketing Agreement and the winegrape growers who sell to them. Mandatory third-party inspections of winegrapes are governed by the provisions of Chapter 3 of Division 16 (being Sections 41101-41511) of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

*For wineries that require the inspection of up to 3,499 tons per week (Sunday through Saturday)*

- \$55.00 per regular hour (4 hr. minimum) + \$82.50 overtime hour, for a total not to exceed the limits of the Marketing Act
- 50% of the fees must be paid by the vintner and 50% must be paid by the grower

*For wineries that require the inspection of 3,500 tons or more per week (Sunday through Saturday)*

- \$0.82 per ton
- 50% of the fees must be paid by the vintner and 50% must be paid by the grower

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The inspection fee for all volume categories is unchanged from the previous year.

*Special Inspections*

- \$110.00 per regular hour (8 hr. minimum) + \$165.00 overtime hour + mileage + expenses, as applicable, for a total not to exceed the limits of the Marketing Act
- To be paid by the party requesting the inspection

*Reinspections*

- \$0.82 per ton (including tonnage originally inspected at the minimum daily rate), not to exceed the limits of the Marketing Act
- To be paid by the party requesting the inspection

*Rejected/Voiced Inspection Certificates*

- \$20.00 charge for each rejection/voiced inspection certificate

The assessments are split evenly between growers and vintners/processors. In order to facilitate the collection of the assessments, vintner/processors are required to remit their portion of the assessment, as well as the grower's. A vintner/processor may subsequently deduct the assessments paid on behalf of a grower from any money owed by him/her to said grower. The Board office will contact you with details on the procedure to remit assessments.

If you have any questions on the inspection fees or the Marketing Agreement, please contact John Gilstrap, Manager of the Winegrape Inspection Board at (559) 591-4960, or call Ben Kardokus at this office.

Sincerely,



Robert Maxie, Chief  
Marketing Branch