

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.*

A. Winery Production Only (no public access):

1. The minimum parcel size for establishment of a winery is 4.6 acres in the Residential, Resource and Agricultural zoning districts where wineries are allowed. (PLN)
2. At least one acre of planted vineyard on site is required, unless the Agricultural Commissioner makes a determination that a functional equivalent occurs. (PLN)
3. Access roads to winery structures shall meet State and local Fire Safe Standards as determined by the serving fire agency. (ESD/FIRE)
4. All structures and facilities shall be permitted and approved for the intended use. (BLD/FIRE)
5. Restroom facilities shall be provided, as required by the current adopted California Building and Plumbing Codes. (BLD/FIRE)
6. Access to County maintained roadway shall meet applicable sight distance standards and standard geometric paved encroachment based on roadway design speed. (ESD/DPW)
7. Fire Apparatus Access road defined: Minimum of 20' wide all weather surfaced road designed to support a 75,000 pound vehicle. (FIRE)
8. Fire Apparatus Access road shall provide a minimum of 13'6" vertical clearance. (FIRE)
9. The turning radius of a fire apparatus road shall be as approved. (FIRE)
10. 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)
11. Dead end fire apparatus access roads exceeding 150' shall be provided with an approved hammerhead or turnaround. (FIRE)
12. Emergency firefighting access throughout all buildings and gated areas shall be provided by the knox system. (FIRE)
13. Commercial facilities exceeding 1,500 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Alarm System. (FIRE)
14. Commercial facilities exceeding 3,600 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Sprinkler System. (FIRE)
15. An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all facilities. (FIRE)
16. Fire extinguishers shall be provided as per NFPA 10. (FIRE)
17. Obtain a valid Business License.
18. Provide the County with a copy of your approved Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License.