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Ms. Anne Cottrell  
Napa Planning Commissioner  
1195 Third Street Suite 305  
Napa, CA

Dear Anne,

I write to offer my strong support for the application submitted by the Matthiasson Family Winery. Their property is adjacent to mine on Dry Creek Road and the winery is - literally - in my backyard. So, my letter is the opposite of a NIMBY objection. I welcome the Matthiassons.

Steve and Jill Matthiasson are both well-liked and respected. They represent the best of the tradition of Napa winemakers. They care about making great wine, not the flash and show that attract many.

The Matthiassons reached out to me and other neighbors to get our input and suggestions. They developed their plans in a responsible manner. They are wonderful neighbors.

The greatest issue you now face is the spread of large wineries and event spaces. Forced beyond the appropriate sites along Highway 29 and Silverado, large wineries have spread into residential areas and Agricultural Preserves. This type of winery should give you pause.

On the other hand, the Matthiasson Winery is a project Planning should support and encourage. It perfectly balances the two aspects that make our area great: one of the best places to live and one of the best places to produce amazing wines. Maintaining that balance is up to you.

Yours truly,

  
Jeff Atlas