



18 May 2020

Director David Morrison  
Napa County Planning, Building, & Environmental Services  
Napa County, CA

Re: Chappellet Winery discussion at 5/19/2020 Special Meeting

Dear Mister Morrison,

I write in complete support of Chappellet Winery's request to update both production and visitation figures. Wineries like Chappellet, which are both established and venerable in nature, have earned the community's support. Medium-sized producers must jump through every hoop, cross every t, and dot every i- there are no shortcuts to operate in a professional manner such as they do. Chappellet is an environmental steward, they are a beneficial employer, they are charitable and they are efficient at producing wine from our finite Napa Valley grape sources.

Compared to small wineries, medium-sized wineries use less water, electricity, and employees per gallon of wine produced- they are more efficient and in turn require less from the environment to operate. (Allowing 100,000 more gallons at one winery is better than 20,000 at five, or 10,000 at 10...). Excessive production facilities magnify societal and environmental stresses from housing needs, water and power use, to viewsheds.) Chappellet's success should be acknowledged and accommodated. They are an exemplar of a Napa Valley winery. Further, the genuine experience and hospitality Chappellet provides creates long-term good will for the Napa Valley, as they have long-term vision.

Thank you for the consideration of these facts,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Burgess". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steven Burgess  
2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Vintner

Cc: Diane Dillon, Supervisor # 3; Anne Cottrell, District # 3 Commissioner

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