

**Public Comments** 



July 13, 2016

County of Napa Conservation, Development and Planning Dept 1195 Third St Napa, Ca 94558

RE: Taylor Family Vineyards Winery Application

To Whom It May Concern

As a family friend and neighbor to the Taylor's for over thirty five years, we are in complete support of their application for a winery permit. The Taylor's have been in this valley for six generations of which a major portion of that time has been spent farming, they truly exemplify what a wonderful hard working family is all about.

We hope that the Planning Commission will allow them the ability to fulfill their dream of having their own family winery on their property; we feel that they would be a positive asset to the Stags Leap District winery community.

As a native of Napa, we would like to thank you for taking the time to consider this project and we hope that you will approve this winery project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Tom and Susan (Robinson) Jinks, owner

**Robinson Family Vineyards** 

February 21, 2016

Heather Phillips Chair, Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Napa, CA 94559

Chair Phillips,

I am writing in support of the Taylor Family Vineyards winery use permit application, scheduled to come before the Planning Commission on August 3.

The Taylors have lived in Napa County as a farming family for seven generations. Three generations are involved in the family winery business today. They have been personal friends for close to a decade, so I feel comfortable vouching for their land stewardship and commitment to sustaining the integrity of the Napa Valley.

The application includes a request for a winery with the capacity to produce 15,000 gallons of wine on the 22-acre family estate with a modest number of appointment-only visitors (maximum 17 guests per day). On-site well water will supply winery production needs. Hold and haul will be used for waste product disposal until a wastewater system can be built on the parcel.

I understand the Taylors have committed to adding a turn lane at the Silverado Trail entrance to the property to mitigate any resulting traffic impacts.

The project meets many of the general tenants put forth by APAC and the Planning Commission, including a winery operation that fits the scale of a parcel, limited development area that does not remove vineyards or another agricultural use, and mitigation of any potential traffic or other impacts.

A variance was requested to allow the winery building to be 15 feet from the property line, instead of the required 20-foot setback. My understanding is that request was denied, so they have adjusted their plans accordingly.

I appreciate your consideration and recommend your approval of this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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