



NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Merriam Vineyards; File No. UPE18-0023	To: County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and Research
Public Agency: Sonoma County	County of Sonoma	
Project Applicant: Windacre West, LLC. dba	585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Applicant Address: 11650 Los Amigos Road, Healdsburg	Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Project Location: 11650 & 11654 Los Amigos Road, Healdsburg		
Date of Approval: May 26, 2020		

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The proposed project is a modification of an existing Use Permit (UPE04-0129) to increase maximum annual wine production capacity from 7,500 cases to 15,000 cases, with the addition of one seasonal employee, no building modifications, and no increase in traffic and noise levels will occur from the expansion of production.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption(s). Section 15301(a) for Existing Facilities and the General Rule, Section 15061(b)(3)

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to the Provisions of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code, Section 15301, Existing Facilities and the General Rule, Section 15061(b)(3). Section 15301(a), Existing facilities is applicable when there is no physical expansion in structures or facilities, and no building modifications or new facilities are proposed with this project. Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule Exemption is applicable as it can be seen with certainty that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment since the project consists of only an increase in annual production with no alterations or physical changes to the project site.

No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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