

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPT.  
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*(Filed in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code)*

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900 Coombs St  
Napa, CA 94559

**Project Title:** William Harrison Vineyards Winery P19-00099-UP

**Project Applicant:** William Harrison, 1443 Silverado Trail S., St. Helena, CA 94574

**Project Location –** The project site is comprised of approximately 8.8 acres, is zoned AP (Agricultural Preserve) and is located at 1443 Silverado Trail, St. Helena, 94574; APN: 030-250-006-000

**Project Location - City:** N/A

**Project Location - County:** Napa

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposal is to grant a Use Permit for an existing 20,000-gallon winery established under a Small Winery Use Permit Exemption, dated November 26, 1986, to allow the following: A. Components Necessary to Remedy Existing Violations: (1) Recognition of visitation of 32 visitors per day with a weekly maximum of 175 visitors and a yearly maximum of 5,000 visitors; (2) Recognition of a marketing program in the form of two (2) events per year with a maximum of 41 guests with catered food; (3) Recognition of employees from one (1) full-time employee and one (1) part-time employee to two (2) full-time employees, one (1) part-time employee, and one (1) harvest employee; (4) On-premises outdoor consumption tasting area of wines produced at the winery in accordance with Business and Professions Code Sections 23358, 23390, and 23396.5; (5) Installation of a left turn lane from Silverado Trail to the project driveway; and (6) Installation of a public water system; B. Expansion Beyond Existing Entitlements: (1) Increase visitation to 32 visitors per day with a weekly maximum of 224 visitors and a yearly maximum of 5,000 visitors (A maximum of 28 persons per day during weekday harvest activities and a maximum of 30 persons per day during weekend harvest activities); (2) Increase and reconfiguration of a marketing program in the form of nine (9) events per year with a maximum of 30 guests and one (1) event per year with a maximum of 40 guests. Events to include catered food. On marketing event days, winery shall not exceed 40 Average Daily Trips (ADT); and (3) Increase in employees from two (2) full-time employees, one (1) part-time employee, and one (1) harvest employee to three (3) full-time employees, two (2) part-time employee, and one (1) harvest employee.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Napa

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** William Harrison Vineyards Winery

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. It has been determined that the William Harrison Vineyards Winery Use Permit project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land), and Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B, Item No. 10 – Construction and operation of small wineries.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** There is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment or damage scenic resources. The grading associated with construction of road improvements and the operation of the winery meets the criteria for eligibility under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land), and Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B, Item No. 10 – Construction and operation of small wineries. The project is not on any lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Matt Ringel, Planner III

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (707) 259-1351

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: October 23, 2024 Title: Planner III

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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