



Winery Code and Uses NOT enforced in Amador County (It is a free for all!)

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6. Casino Mine Ranch

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Plymouth, CA 95669
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<https://www.casinomineranch.com/visit-us/>

VISIT THE RANCH

We're open for outdoor tastings by appointment only.

RESERVE A TASTING

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Casino Mine Ranch recently **added a tasting room**, and while it's only available to visit by appointment, it is a unique 60-acre property to tour. Beyond sipping mourvedres at the gorgeous house-turned-tasting room, with its expansive views of the vineyards and surrounding foothills, there's an old gold rush-era mine still on the grounds and, oddly enough, a regulation-sized basketball court.

No wine made on-premise.

State of California Business Code and Amador County Winery Ordinance Facts

STATE CODE:

The County needs to tighten up what this means:

The County needs to reference CA State Code with the 50% rule and better define "wine produced".

"50% of the wine sold needs to be fermented (made into wine) ON THE PROPERTY by State Code."

This can be enforced by looking at either:

Report of Wine Premises Operations - Form 5120.17

TTB has prepared a line-by-line guide for completing the Report of Wine Premises Operations Form 5120.17 (formerly Form 702) which includes explanations of the entries and a sample report.

All Bonded Wineries and Bonded Wine Cellars must file the report and submit to TTB monthly, quarterly, or annually depending on the size of the operations. Read more.

or looking at State of California BOE 501wg: www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/boe501wg.pdf

You could have a tasting room like (I can think of several) that are pouring all bulk wine made elsewhere even if they have an 02 license. Or the wine sold, could be wine produced in Amador but bottled in another County (say San Joaquin) and then sold in Amador?

This does not pertain to wineries in commercial zoning - tasting rooms can be retail shops. But 02 State licensed wineries need to produce 50% of the wine sold at retail on the property.

Amador Definition of a Winery:

AMADOR COUNTY CODE:

27. Wine tasting may be conducted under a duplicate 02 license only if the winery with the master 02 license is located in Amador County and the following standards are met:

- a. The parcel shall be a minimum of ten acres in size;
- b. The applicant shall provide the planning department with copies of their bond from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and their California Alcohol Beverage Control license. These licenses and bonds shall be maintained in full compliance at all times;
- c. Tasting rooms located on private roadways shall have entered into a road maintenance agreement with a majority of the owners of the road; or in the event a road maintenance agreement already exists, the applicant shall provide the county with proof they have renegotiated the terms of the agreement to include the new tasting room. If the majority of the owners of the road do not enter into the new or renegotiated agreement, the applicant must obtain a use permit pursuant to Chapter 19.56 of this code before commencing any of the uses allowed by this section;
- d. The tasting room building shall be located a minimum of fifty feet from all property lines;

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32. Wineries as defined in Section 19.08.687 and the following incidental uses subject to providing off-street parking and meeting all necessary clearances from the health and building departments. Additionally, wineries located on private roads shall have entered into a road maintenance agreement with a majority of the owners of the road, or obtained a use permit pursuant to Chapter 19.56 of this code before commencing any of the following uses:

- a. Wine tasting,
- b. Winery tours,
- c. Wholesale and retail sales of wine and grape products,
- d. Compensated or noncompensated events with up to one hundred twenty-five persons in attendance with no limitation on the number of events per year,
- e. Picnic area(s) for winery-related activities,
- f. Art galleries with sales and framing,
- g. A food preparation facility for catering on-premises indoor or outdoor functions,
- h. Agricultural-related museums,
- i. Gift display not to exceed a total of five hundred square feet in interior footprint area for the retail sale of winery-related promotional items, gift items, and/or prepackaged foods,
- j. Social gatherings or weddings for up to and including four hundred fifty persons up to and including twelve events per year with no more than four

such events per month,

k. Indoor or outdoor amplified music until ten p.m.

H. Uses described in this subsection may be granted by the planning department, without public hearing, following public notice of the application.

1. Wine tasting may be conducted under a duplicate 02 license only if the winery with the master 02 license is located in Amador County and the following standards are met:
 2. a. A bona fide agricultural operation must be the primary use on the property;
 - b. The parcel shall be a minimum of forty acres in size;
 - c. The applicant shall provide the planning department with copies of their bond from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and their California Alcohol Beverage Control license. These licenses and bonds shall be maintained in full compliance at all times;
 - d. Tasting rooms located on private roadways shall have entered into a road maintenance agreement with a majority of the owners of the road; or in the event a road maintenance agreement already exists, the applicant shall provide the county with proof they have renegotiated the terms of the agreement to include the new tasting room. If the majority of the owners of the road do not enter into the new or renegotiated agreement, the applicant must obtain a use permit pursuant to Chapter 19.56 of this code before commencing any of the uses allowed by this section;
 - e. The tasting room building shall be located a minimum of fifty feet from all property lines;
 - f. The primary use of the tasting room shall be the marketing and sale of wine produced in Amador County. Additional allowed uses are as follows:
 - i. Compensated or non-compensated events with up to one hundred twenty-five persons in attendance with no limitation on the number of events per year;
 - ii. Picnic area(s) for wine tasting-related activities;
 - iii. Art galleries with sales and framing;
 - iv. A food preparation facility for catering on-premises indoor or outdoor functions;
 - v. Agricultural-related museums;
 - vi. Gift display area not to exceed a total of five hundred square feet in interior footprint area for the retail sale of wine-related promotional items, gift items, and/or prepackaged foods;
 - vii. Social gatherings or weddings for up to and including four hundred fifty persons up to and including twelve events per year with no more than four such events per month;
 - viii. Indoor or outdoor amplified music until ten p.m.
 - g. The applicant must obtain all applicable permits from the environmental health department, building department, and department of transportation and public works.
 - h. Public notice of such application shall be given in the manner described in Chapter 19.56 of this code, Use Permits. Such notice shall indicate the intent of the planning department to grant the use permit without a hearing unless sufficient reasons are provided not to grant the use permit. A description of the appeals process (Chapter 19.64 of this code) shall be contained within the notice. The planning department shall decide upon the use permit application within ten days after the notice is mailed. If the planning department finds sufficient cause to approve the application and the application meets the standards outlined in this subsection, the planning department shall approve the use permit and the use permit shall become valid following the ten-day appeal period if no appeals are filed.
 - i. The following uses are permitted in AG districts upon obtaining a use permit as provided for in Chapter 19.56 of this code:
 1. Turkey farms, provided there is a cover crop or other dust control;
 2. Any garbage, sewage, refuse, or offal feeding;
 3. Commercial small animal and fowl specialty farms, including but not limited to chinchillas, minks, foxes, rodents, aviaries, rabbits, frogs, pigeons, ducks, and geese;
 4. Commercial slaughterhouses and stockyards for livestock, small animals, poultry, and fowl;
 5. Rendering plants and fertilizer plants;
 6. Commercial recreation, dude ranches, and boarding and guest facilities when carried on as a clearly secondary use in conjunction with a primary agricultural use;
 7. Oil and gas wells, including the drilling and installation, and use of such equipment, structures, and facilities as are necessary or convenient for oil-drilling and oil-producing operations customarily required or incidental to usual oil field practice, including but not limited to the initial separation of oil, gas, and water and for the storage, handling, recycling, and transportation of such oil, gas, and water to and from the premises; provided such activities are carried on as a clearly secondary activity in conjunction with a bona fide agricultural operation;
 8. Development of natural resources including mines, open pits for extraction of minerals, borrow pits, and quarries, with necessary buildings, apparatus, or appurtenances thereto; provided such activities are carried on as a clearly secondary activity in conjunction with a bona fide agricultural

operation;

9. Any use determined by the planning commission after recommendations by the agricultural advisory committee to be compatible with the purposes of the California Land Conservation Act and which do not significantly adversely affect agricultural operations;

10. Any structure, building, use, or equipment incidental and necessary to any of the above uses, located on the same site, and included in the use permit;

11. Farm-labor camps and farm-labor quarters as defined in this title;

12. Social gatherings or weddings at winery facilities which exceed either of the limits set forth in subsection G(32)(j) of this section. (Ord. 1708 §3, 2011; Ord. 1320 §§3,4, 1993; Ord. 1262 §§1--6, 1991; Ord. 1208 §2, 1989; Ord. 1139 §§3, 4, 1987; Ord. 934 §3, 1983; Ord. 883 §3, 1982; Ord. 773 §12, 1981; Ord. 743 §1, 1981; Ord. 600 §2, 1977).

2 attachments

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