### Commercial Risk Summary – Agribusiness



#### **WINERIES**

Category: Agribusiness

SIC CODE: 0172 Grapes

2084 Wines, Brandy and Brandy Spirits

NAICS CODE: 111332 Grape Vineyards

312130 Wineries

Suggested ISO Farm and Commercial General Liability Code(s): 59963, 59964, 03518, 03519, 03618, 03619, 03718, 03719, 03818, 03819

Suggested Workers Compensation Code(s): 0079, 2143

**Description of operations:** Wineries grow or purchase grapes and process them into wine. Some wineries still use manual labor to harvest grapes while others use mechanical harvesters. The grapes are fed through a destemmer and crushed. Skins may be removed or left on during fermentation, depending on the type of wine being produced. Sugar, yeast, carbon dioxide or flavorings may be added. Fermentation can be done in oak barrels or stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation is completed, the wine is strained, bottled and labeled for sale.

**Property exposures** are from machinery, heating and refrigeration equipment. Grapes, wine in process and stored wine are very sensitive to changes in temperatures. Temperature-monitoring devices should be mandatory and installed in most processing and storage areas. Even a small fire can result in mandatory destruction of all wine in process as well as stored wines due to the possibility of smoke contamination. Processing areas should be separated from storage areas. Product ready for shipping should also be kept in a separate area, especially if a required tax stamp has already been affixed.

**Crime exposures** are from employee dishonesty and money and securities. Some wineries offer tours and operate retail stores, resulting in high amounts of cash and credit card transactions. Wine can be expensive and targeted by both employees and thieves. Pre-employment background checks should be done on all employees having access to the inventory.

**Inland marine exposures** include accounts receivable, computers, goods in transit, mobile equipment, and valuable papers and records. Equipment includes farming equipment such as harvesters. Records include purchases, inventory, quality control and sales information. The goods in transit exposure is significant as there is no salvage in the event of an accident.

**Crop exposures** are high because growing grapes are susceptible to damage by hail, wind, flood, snow, frost, winterkill, lightning, viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects, animals and weeds. Vines are often grafted from much older vines and take years to reestablish if they are killed.

**Premises liability exposures** are minor due to limited public access. If there are retail sales, tours, restaurants, wine-tastings or bed and breakfast inns, the exposure increases. The serving of alcoholic beverages to customers can impair motor abilities and increase the likelihood of trips, slips or falls. Spilled drinks should be cleaned up promptly. Floor coverings must be in good condition with no frayed or worn spots on carpet and no cracks or holes in flooring. Parking lots and sidewalks need to be in good repair, with snow and ice removed, and generally level and free of exposure to slip and falls.

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**Products liability exposures** normally result from contamination, spoilage, foreign objects in containers, or improper labeling of contents. Effective procedures are required to ensure sanitary working and processing conditions. The workplace must meet all Food and Drug Administration (FDA) specifications and be arranged so that foreign substances do not enter processing areas. Controls must be in place to prevent contamination from exposure to chemicals used to contain insect or rodent infestations, such as insecticides and pesticides. An effective recall program that can be activated immediately must be established.

**Liquor liability exposures** are from the manufacturing of alcoholic beverages. The exposure increases if there are retail sales, tours and other events where wine is sold directly to the consumer. All employees who serve wine to customers must be trained in recognizing signs of intoxication. A procedure should be in place to deny serving intoxicated patrons. Online sales present an even greater exposure because of the possibility of products being purchased by underage persons.

**Environmental impairment liability exposures** can be high due to the potential for air, land, or water pollution from the use of agricultural chemicals and pollutants such as fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, refrigerants, motor vehicle fuels and solvents. Storage, use and disposal of all chemicals must be documented and meet all FDA and EPA standards.

**Automobile exposures** can be extensive. During planting and harvest times equipment must be moved from field to field. The equipment is awkward and slow moving and often must travel over winding rural roads and highways. Vehicle condition, maintenance and storage, driver selection and prior records are the main items to consider. The use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and similar mobile equipment/auto type vehicles is common.

**Workers' compensation exposures** can be moderate or significant, depending on the degree of mechanization. The more mechanized the manufacturing process, the less likely that employees will slip, fall or sustain hernias or other lifting injuries, but the more likely they are to be injured by the machinery, particularly during destemming and crushing operations. Operations that rely on manual labor may hire workers who may be seasonal, speak another language, and lack adequate training and supervision. Exposure to farm chemicals and organic dust can lead to respiratory issues.

**Minimum recommended coverages:** Buildings, Business Personal Property, Spoilage, Employee Dishonesty, Crop Insurance, Accounts Receivable, Computers, Goods in Transit, Mobile Equipment, Valuable Papers and Records, General Liability, Employee Benefits, Environmental Impairment Liability, Umbrella Liability, Automobile Liability and Physical Damage, Workers' Compensation

**Other coverages to consider:** Business Income and Extra Expense, Earthquake, Equipment Breakdown, Farmowners, Flood, Computer Fraud, Forgery, Cyberliability, Employment-related Practices Liability, Stop Gap Liability

Source: Rough Notes, Inc.

**Agent:** The coverages listed below are suggested for consideration for agribusiness operations. After evaluating each of the listed coverages, check the recommended blank by those that apply specifically to this client. Make sure both the exposure and the coverage are explained to the client.

**Client:** For each of the coverages that the agent has recommended, initial whether you have chosen to accept or reject that coverage in the blanks provided.

#### **PROPERTY COVERAGES**

	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable
Building and Personal Property Coverage Form				
Building				
Business Personal Property				
Personal Property of Others				
Improvements and Betterments				
Building and Personal Property Coinsurance				
Percentages None 80% 90% 100%				
Bldg				
BPP				
PPO				
I&B				
Alternatives to Coinsurance				
Agreed Value				

Functional Replacement Cost	 		
Peak Season	 		
Reporting Form	 		
Other	 		
Optional Property Coverage Forms			
Commercial or Manufacturers Output Policy	 		
Equipment Breakdown	 		
Farmowners/Ranchowners	 		
Legal Liability	 		
Tobacco Sales Warehouse	 		
Optional Property Endorsements			
Additional Debris Removal	 		
Ordinance or Law	 		
Outdoor Trees, Shrubs and Plants Enhancement	 		
Replacement Cost Valuation	 		
Spoilage	 		
Utility Services-Direct Damage	 <del></del>	<del></del>	

### Other Property Options

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TIME ELEMENT COVERAGES				
	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicab
Business Income With Extra Expense Coinsurance Percentage				
Business Income Without Extra Expense Coinsurance Percentage				
Extra Expense				
Leasehold Interest				
Alternatives to Coinsurance				
Agreed Value			-	-
Maximum Period of Indemnity				
Monthly Limit of Indemnity				
Premium Adjustment				
Optional Time Element Endorsements				
Business Income from Dependent Properties				
Ordinance or Law Increased Period of Restoration				

Utility Services				
Other Time Element Coverages				
PROPERTY AND TIME ELEMENT CAUSES OF LOSS				
	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable
Bldg BPP PPO BI EE				
Basic				
Broad				
Special				
Earthquake				
Flood				
Other Cause of Loss Endorsements				

#### **INLAND MARINE COVERAGES**

Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable
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### **CRIME COVERAGES**

	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable
Money, Securities and Other Property				
Employee Dishonesty				
Computer Fraud				
Destruction of Electronic Data or Programs				
Extortion				
Forgery or Alterations				
Identity Fraud Expense				
Lessees of Safe Deposit Boxes (Securities and Other Property only)				
Money and/or Securities Only				
Theft, Disappearance and Destruction				
Robbery and Safe Burglary				
Securities Deposited With Others				
Property other than Money and Securities				
Premises Burglary			·	·
Premises Theft				
Robbery and Safe Burglary				

Other Crime Coverages				
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LIABILITY COVERAGES				
	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable
Commercial General Liability				
Occurrence Basis				
Claims-Made Basis				
Optional Liability Coverages				
Cyber Liability				
Directors and Officers				
Employee Benefits				
Employment-related Practices				
Owners and Contractors Protective				
Railroad Protective				
Special Events				

### Other Liability Coverages

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PROFESSIONAL AND E&O LIABILITY COVERAGES				
COMMERCIAL AUTO COVERAGES				
	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable
Liability				
Physical Damage				
Hired Cars	<del></del>			
Non-Ownership Auto				
P.I.P./No-Fault				
Optional Automobile Coverages				
Garagekeepers				
Medical Payments				
Uninsured Motorists				
Underinsured Motorist				

Other Auto Coverages				
WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGES				
	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable
Workers Compensation and Employers Liability				
Stop Gap or Employers Liability Coverage				
Federal Employers Liability Act				
Longshore and Harbor Workers Coverage				
Voluntary Compensation				
Other Workers Compensation Endorsements				
EXCESS LIABILITY COVERAGES				
	Recommend	Accept	Reject	Not Applicable

**Other Specialty Coverages** 

Umbrella Policy		 	
Excess Liability Policy		 	
AVIATION COVERAGES			
Aircraft Policy		 	
Passenger Liability		 	
CROP COVERAGES			
Crop Hail Insurance		 	
Multiple Peril Crop Insurance		 	
Revenue Insurance		 	
SPECIALTY COVERAGES			
Environmental Impairment Liability Policy		 	
Fiduciary Liability Insurance		 	
International/Foreign Operations Insurance	·	 	
Rain or Weather Insurance		 	
Terrorism Insurance		 	
Underground Storage Tank Liability – UST		 	

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Other Bonds				
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