

Notice 967, Comment #1

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Comments=I am responding to a recent application for an AVA in the state of Minnesota and would like to make a comment.

I would like to draw attention to the winery who submitted the application and bring to the attention of the ATF the circumstances surrounding their application. Carols Creek Winery is claiming to have a unique viticultural area when in fact they are not legitimately growing grapes here in Minnesota. Their vineyard is planted for show and not for actual production of grapes. The varieties they claim to be growing can not be grown in this climate. (For example, they claim to be growing Cabernet Sauvignon, a grape that requires 135 growing days to ripen. Alexandria is in a zone 2 growing area with at most 100 days). The wines they produce are not Minnesota grown and in fact are mostly produced from grape concentrates.

As a long time grower of grapes in Minnesota and a witness to their vineyard practices I am outraged at this deceitful attempt to establish a unique growing area in Minnesota. Their application is false and misleading and should be rejected.

Notice 967, Comment #2

From: Great River Vineyard [mailto:grapes@rconnect.com]
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Subject: Re: Reply to this e-mail to submit comments to Alexandria Lakes NPRM

In regard to the Application to establish an American Agricultural Area known as Alexandria Lakes AVA I have to wonder if there are enough grapes planted in that area to create an authentic wine from that potential AVA. I am unconvinced that there are enough wine grapes planted there to make a significant amount of wine that is authentically from the area.

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