

From: Paul Hart [mailto:paul@rexhill.COM]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2003 1:03 PM
To: 'nprm@ttb.gov'
Subject: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area Notice No. 14

We have used grapes from the Dundee Hills since our first vintage at Rex Hill Winery in 1983. Many of the wines made from those grapes have been designated by the name of the single vineyards in which the grapes were grown, and more recently we have produced a Dundee Hills Cuvee which is a blend from several of the vineyards. One of those single vineyard wines, from the 1988 vintage, was selected as the top Pinot Noir in the world at the prestigious International Wine and Spirits Competition in London in 1991.

Over the twenty years since 1983 we have owned vineyards in the Dundee Hills and currently lease two other vineyards in the proposed AVA from their family owners. Although we have produced many single vineyard Pinot Noirs from grapes grown throughout the Northern Willamette Valley, those made from fruit grown in the Dundee Hills have consistently been among our very best. Those vineyards have allowed us to produce more special single vineyard wines from the Dundee Hills than from any of our other sites in the valley.

For ten of those years we also operated a hot air balloon from our winery which regularly flew over or around the Dundee Hills on its morning journeys. From the balloon we could not only appreciate the unique character of the Dundee Hills from the air, but we could also learn the pattern of the air currents which were dramatically affected by the horseshoe shape of the hills and watch as the clouds regularly were diverted to the north and the south by the westernmost ridge of the hills leaving the central and eastern slopes clear and dry.

From our perspective, the Dundee Hills is really the perfect example of what an AVA is supposed to be. The deep Jory soil which underlies almost all the proposed AVA gives the wines a very special character which simply can't be reproduced from any other vineyards and the unique geography creates a climate which differs from the rest of the Willamette Valley. It truly is a special place.

We strongly recommend adoption of the proposed Dundee Hills AVA.

Paul Hart
Proprietor
Rex Hill Vineyards
paul@rexhill.com
8/15/03

Notice 17, #2

August 15, 2003

Department of the Treasury
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
VIA FACSIMILE

Re: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area (2002R-218P) – Notice #03-20914

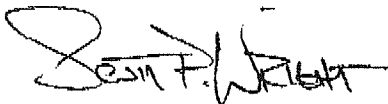
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed Dundee Hills AVA that has recently been published in the Federal Register. As well documented in the petition, this region has been commonly referred to as the "Dundee Hills" for well over 100 years, with numerous examples ranging from references found on maps, to the names of local businesses listed in the published phone book.

The proposed AVA is clearly unique and distinct from neighboring regions, distinguished by our elevation and soil types. The boundaries, as drawn in the petition, are precise and valid.

The wines produced from grapes grown in this region are distinct, and have a national reputation among both consumers and prominent journalists. The wine consumer would be well served by the approval of the Dundee Hills AVA.

Sincerely,



Scott Wright
Executive Vice-President/General Manager
Domaine Drouhin Oregon
P.O. Box 700
Dundee, OR 97115

Notice #14, Comment #3

-----Original Message-----

From: Hunt Patterson [mailto:huntp@pineridgewine.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 3:18 PM
To: nprm@ttb.gov
Subject: Notice No. 14 Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area

Dear Sirs,
I am in full support of this proposal. I have been in the wine business for over 25 years and I feel this proposal benefits all involved in wine and the moderate enjoyment of wine.

Thank you,

Hunt Patterson

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Sutton, Nancy A.

From: Allen, Ellen L.
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2003 6:47 AM
To: Ruhf, Marjorie D.; Sutton, Nancy A.
Subject: FW: I support the proposed Dundee Hills viticultural

-----Original Message-----

From: anthonyv [mailto:anthonyv@pineridgewine.com]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2003 12:17 PM
To: NPRM@ttb.gov
Subject: I support the proposed Dundee Hills viticultural area

To the Regulations and Procedures Division,
I strongly support the proposal to establish the Dundee Hills viticultural area in Yamhill County Oregon, within the existing Willamette Valley viticultural area. Few still doubt Oregon's potential to produce some of the finest wines in the world. However, a quick glance at the map shows the woeful inadequacy of the Willamette Valley viticultural area. It is an enormous area. In order to give consumers a better understanding of what goes into each bottle of wine they purchase we should create smaller viticultural areas like the proposed Dundee Hills which better represent Oregon's many diverse microclimates. Thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,
Anthony Van Nice

Anthony Van Nice
Regional Sales Manager
Pine Ridge Winery
Archery Summit
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Miami Beach, FL 33139
Tel. 305.531.1379
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NOTE: 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

DUNDEE HILLS VINEYARD
8771 NE Worden Hill Road
Dundee, Oregon 97115

28 August 2003

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
PO Box 50221
Washington, DC 20091-0221
VIA FACSIMILE: 202-927-8525

Re: Notice No. 14
27 CFR Part 9
RIN: 1513-AA50
Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area
(2002R-218P)

To the Chief, TTB:

We wish to record our support for the proposal to designate, within the boundaries outlined in the proposed rulemaking, a "Dundee Hills" Viticultural Area. We are owners of a 17-acre vineyard within this proposed AVA, planted beginning in 1974. The name of the vineyard, which we purchased with our acquisition of the land in 1998, is Dundee Hills. We have indicated to the group led by Mr. Alex Sokol Blosser that we would not oppose this proposed AVA the name of which coincides with the vineyard business name which we own and use. We are in fact, completely in support of this proposal.

We believe that the information provided to TTB, which forms the geographic and factual basis for the proposed AVA is accurate. We purchased our property fully cognizant of the importance of the unusually mild climate (absence of frost), and distinctive jory soil upon which the reputation of Oregon for growing wonderful Pinot Noir grapes was established.

We urge your approval of the proposed designation of "Dundee Hills" name for the boundaries outlined in the proposed rule. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Neil Goldschmidt



Diana Goldschmidt

Notice # 14

Comment 6

Susan Sokol Blosser
President
Sokol Blosser Winery
5000 NE Sokol Blosser Lane
Dundee, Oregon 97115

Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

September 16, 2003

Re: Notice No. 14, "Dundee Hills" AVA Petition

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in full support of the petition to make our Dundee Hills viticultural area a federally recognized AVA. We have been growing grapes in these hills since 1971, and feel it is time to recognize this area with our own appellation.

Sincerely,

Susan Sokol Blosser

Sutton, Nancy A.

From: Allen, Ellen L.
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2003 6:36 AM
To: Sutton, Nancy A.
Subject: FW: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Baldwin [mailto:depontecellars@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2003 4:35 PM
To: nprm@ttb.gov
Subject: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area

October 6, 2003

**Department of the Treasury
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
VIA FACSIMILE**

**Re: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area
(2002R-218P) - Notice #03-20914**

To Whom It May Concern:

10/9/2003

Notice #14, #7

I am writing in support of the proposed Dundee Hills AVA. This region is already commonly referred to as the "Dundee Hills" by locals and wine consumers.

It has distinct differences from neighboring regions in elevation and soil types.

The wine consumer would be well served by the approval of the Dundee Hills AVA.

Sincerely,

**Rae Baldwin
Proprietor
DePonte Cellars**

Sutton, Nancy A.

Subject: FW: Proposed AVA Dundee

-----Original Message-----

From: Allen Holstein [mailto:holstein@argylewinery.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 10:36 AM

To: nprm@ttb.gov

Subject: Proposed AVA Dundee Hills

10/14/2003

To Who it May Concern

I am writing in support of the proposed AVA for the Dundee Hills in Oregon. The Dundee Hills has demonstrated a track record as a distinguished area. There is broad agreement among the producers as to the boundaries. It will help consumers identify unique wines. Thanks you.

Allen Holstein
Granville Wines
POB 566
Dundee, Or. 97115
503.538.4161

10/14/2003

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Sutton, Nancy A.

From: Winters Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2003 6:13 PM
To: nprm@ttb.gov
Cc: Alex Sokol Blosser
Subject: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area Notice No.

We have grown grapes on our vineyard in the Dundee Hills since 1990. The deep red jory soils of our hill sides and the favorable slope and weather patterns give our a special character that is readily recognized and appreciated by neighboring wine makers who have purchased our fruit over the years, and to consumers who know the site. The Dundee Hills AVA will communicate this to the wine consuming public at large. The present Willamette Valley AVA encompasses many distinct soil types and microclimates and thus many distinct wines for a single varital such as Pinot Noir, with the result that only confusion is communicated to the consumer.

We support the proposed Dundee Hills AVA because that will permit us to clearly communicate the uniqueness of our wines to everyone.

Peter M. Gladhart
Emily Winter Gladhart
Owners
Winter's Hill Vineyard
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<http://www.wintershillwine.com>

Notice #14 #9

Sutton, Nancy A.

From: Rollin Soles
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 10:03 AM
To: nprm@ttb.gov
Subject: Support AVA Dundee Hills

Dear Sir/Madam,

I support the proposed AVA Dundee Hills. It is clearly defined geographically and has a lengthy history of fine wine production.

Sincerely,
Rollin Soles

 Dundee, Oregon 97115

10/14/2003

Netha H, # 10

Sutton, Nancy A.

From: Allen, Ellen L.
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 1:03 PM
To: Sutton, Nancy A.
Subject: FW: Dundee Hills AVA

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Lange [mailto:don@langewinery.com]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2003 2:30 PM
To: nprm@ttb.gov
Subject: Dundee Hills AVA

Dear Sir or Madam,

As pioneers of the Oregon wine industry and longtime residents of the Dundee Hills our family would encourage you to confer AVA status to our region. It is the oldest, most prestigious winegrowing region in the state and has set a new world standard for Pinot noir.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Lange
Lange Estate Winery & Vineyards
Dundee, Oregon

Sutton, Nancy A.

From: Allen, Ellen L.
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 6:31 AM
To: Sutton, Nancy A.
Subject: FW: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area (2002R-

-----Original Message-----

From: George Hillberry [mailto:George@OregonVineyard.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 1:15 AM
To: nprm@ttb.gov
Cc: 'Alex Sokol Blosser'
Subject: Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area (2002R-218P)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Proposed Dundee Hills Viticultural Area. The marketplace has already affirmed that wines made from Dundee Hills grapes are unique and special through decades of reviews, awards, and accolades. Unfortunately, the lack of an AVA has led to frustration on the part of consumers. They have heard of the unique and distinctive wines originating from this area but are unable to locate them. The issue is that there is currently nothing on the label to inform the consumer that a wine originated from the distinctive Dundee Hills terroir. The only way to know that a wine comes from this area is to visit or speak directly with the winery. I fully endorse any effort that will increase the consumers ability to make informed point of sale decisions.

Sincerely,
George Hillberry
La Colina Vineyards, General Manager
George@OregonVineyard.com
(503) 550-2502

10/15/2003

10/15/2003 1:15 PM

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A FAMILY VINEYARD AND WINERY

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, DC 20091-0221
Attn: Notice No. 14

02 October, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

As wine growers in the proposed Dundee Hills AVA, I am writing to support the approval of said proposal. It is our belief that the division of the Willamette Valley into more specific appellations will aid consumers when purchasing an unfamiliar brand of wine, and will help them to identify specific characteristics in the finished product with wines from that particular region.

The area known fondly as "Dundee Hills" by local inhabitants and members of the wine industry is a region that is geographically distinct from its neighboring wine growing areas. Visitors to the area are apt to notice the red, rocky volcanic soils that comprise the footprint of this area. It is our belief that wines made from grapes grown on these distinctive soils reflect the area's unique climate and geography accordingly. In addition to volcanic soils, other distinctive features of the Dundee Hills include warmer nighttime temperatures, less frost, and less low-elevation fog than surrounding valleys. These geographic features result in fruit that ripens earlier and more consistently than that of growers in neighboring regions. Wines from Dundee Hills are characterized by sensuous, supple fruit flavors and slightly lower acid levels than those of our neighbors.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill and Cathy Stoller
Stoller Vineyards