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PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

4 May 1982

Mr. G. R. Dickerson, Director
BATF
US dept of Treasury
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Dickerson,

The Indiana Winegrower's Guild wholeheartedly supports the concept of "The Ohio River Valley" viticultural area.

We commend this work of love by John A. Garrett and suggest that the depth of research, development of facts and presentation command your attention.

Again we endorse "The Ohio River Valley" viticultural area and look for an early affirmative response to this request.

Sincerely,


Ben Sparks

cc: John A. Garrett



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May 5, 1982

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Mr. G.R. Dickerson, Director
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Dear Director Dickerson:

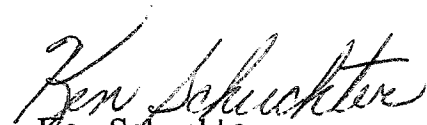
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Donniella Winchell

The Ohio Wine Producers Association has reviewed the petition prepared by John Garrett of Villa Milan Vineyards, to have the Ohio River Valley Declared a Viticultural area.

We completely concur with this petition and the boundaries of the area defined by Mr. Garrett. Without opposition our Association has voted to ask you to act favorably upon this petition.

Sincerely,


Ken Schuchter
President
O.W.P.A.

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STONE QUARRY WINERY
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WATERFORD, OHIO 45788
"Quality Wines at
Reasonable Prices"

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December 21, 1982

Mr. John A. Linthicum
Research and Regulations Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20226

Subject: Appellation of Origin - "Ohio River Valley"

Dear Mr. Linthicum:

I would like to add my support to the recent application for the establishment of the Ohio River Valley as a recognized and distinct viticultural area.

The application, as filed, and slightly altered by ATF, encompasses almost the exact area for which we were preparing an application this previous spring, but due to an accident, I was hospitalized and it was never completed and submitted.

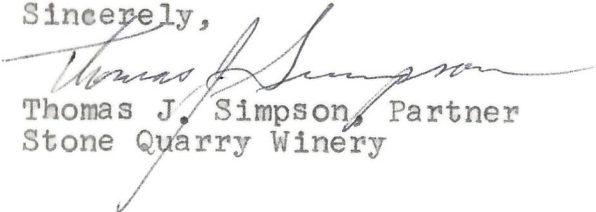
Having operated a leased vineyard in extreme Southeast Ohio, and also a winery here, without the benefit of our own leased vineyard, we have been in the position of using our own grapes and those purchased in Southwest Ohio, Kentucky, and southern Indiana.

The same variety of grape from all of these locations produced wine with exactly the same unique characteristics and yet quite different from the same grape variety grown in Northern Ohio or Upstate New York.

The Ohio River Valley is a cohesive, discernible region in soil, climate and weather and should be so recognized as one viticultural area. The tributaries of the Ohio River, whether they be in Ohio and Indiana or West Virginia and Kentucky result in a unique area of the United States.

We, therefore, would appreciate it if you would include this letter in your comments received in support of the above application.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Simpson, Partner
Stone Quarry Winery

Thomas G. Clark

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

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Thomas G. Clark

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

December 26th, 1982

Attention: Notice NO. 442
Regulations & Procedures Division
A.S.C., P.O. Box 385
Washington, D.C. 20044

Dear Sir:

I'm anticipating the reduction of the proposed wind growing area, I would hope that your agency takes the following areas into consideration:

- 1- Ohio River, including its flood plain areas and those areas that would be restricted by Coast Guard and Corps of Engineers Controls.
- 2- All associated tributaries that also lend the same or similar restrictions to the area.
- 3- Industrial areas that are located within the area.
- 4- Utility holdings and operational areas that are within the districts area.
- 5- Cities, Towns and Villages whose areas do not lend acreage that can be farmed.
- 6- Federal lands used for highway right-of-ways etc. (i.e., both State and Federal)
- 7- Recreational sites and areas of similar type uses, (i.e., school grounds, golf courses, parks etc.)

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While this list is probably not complete, the areas listed would serve to reduce the area involved in the proposed district by a substantial amount.

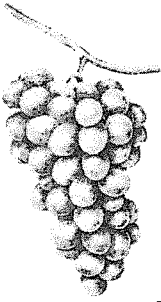
Most of these areas could be computed from existing records used for tax purposes, State and Federal records, conservation records etc.

This type of recognition could greatly enhance an area that is steadily losing business and small farms production. While also allowing small landowners to add income through crop production that does not require vast yields.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Clark

Cincinnati, Ohio 45211



VILLA MILAN VINEYARD

Fruit of the vine

December 28, 1982

John and Dorothy Garrett
P.O. Box 248
Milan, Indiana 47031
Phone 812-654-3419

John A. Linthicum
Research and Regulations Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C. 20226

Dear John:

Perhaps it is superfluous to write you in support of my own petition to have the Ohio River Valley set aside as a viticultural area but if we are not to have a public hearing on this matter I want some forum to answer suggestions that our proposed area is too large to be meaningful.

Ask a restaurateur or liquor store salesman how often their customers ask for Auxey-Duresses, Nuits-St. Georges or Vins Fins de la Cote de Nuits. These are just three of the over sixty place names approved in France that can be used on wines of the Cote d'Or, which is one of five districts of Burgundy. Now ask how often consumers ask for "Burgundy".

France has hundreds of tiny appellations of origin that are meaningless to the general consumer. We do not make their mistakes. Let us define our viticultural areas in broad enough terms that the average wine buyer knows where his wine is coming from and can in general terms determine what tastes suit him best. If smaller designations are necessary to help the enological expert let us have our subdivisions but not to the exclusion of the larger, indeed more meaningful larger district.

Let's look at it in comparison to our alternatives. Without the designation "Ohio River Valley" winemakers can say nothing of the origin of the grapes; say they are "American"; "Indiana", "Ohio", "Kentucky" or "West Virginia"; or list as their appellation of origin one of the 97 counties included in our proposed area. Surely, you will agree that in a viticultural sense a national or state designation is indeed meaningless. If we use our county as the appellation of origin we repeat France's mistakes. "Ohio River Valley" is;

1. Large enough to be recognizable to the average consumer;
2. Smaller than three of the states included in the area and comparable in size to the fourth. Yet tells much more of the viticultural conditions in the growing area;
3. Historically and currently recognized as a viticultural area by consumers and experts alike. (Refer back to our original petition);

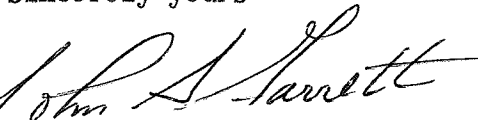
Finally John, the Ohio River Valley meets the criteria ATF has set in its own Regulations. If the Ohio River is large so is California. So is France. Is that bad? God (or nature if you prefer) made these natural viticultural areas large. We didn't. It is only for us to recognize them as viticultural areas rather than deny they exist in their natural boundaries.

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If you were to reduce the area further the question arises who do you leave out? The name "Ohio River Valley" by right belongs to everyone of us engaged in viticulture in the Valley. Do not deprive even the smallest of us of the heritage and reputation and recognition we are entitled to as the descendants of grape growers like DuFour and Longworth.

In closing let me thank ATF and you personally for the time and effort you are giving our petition. Please work for its final approval as proposed in your notice N. 442.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Garrett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name. A long, thin, curved line extends from the bottom of the signature down towards the left margin of the page.

John A. Garrett

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GERALD HUBER AND CARL HUBER AT STARLITE
 R1, BOX 202, BORDEN, INDIANA 47106

December 27, 1982

John A. Linthicum, Research and Regulations Branch
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Washington, D. C. 20226

Gentlemen:

We would like to express to you our support of a petition to approve a Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area. We would appreciate a speedy approval of this petition as published.

Despite its size, grapes and wine from the Ohio River Valley share common characteristics. We feel that the name Ohio River Valley informs the public about wine he is buying much better than just the individual name of a state.

Hoping for a speedy approval.

Sincerely,

HUBER ORCHARD WINERY

Gerald E. Huber
 President

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Donniella Winchell

Mr. Jon Linthicum, Research and Regulations
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20226

Dear Mr. Linthicum,

The members of the Ohio Wine Producers Association would like to express their support for the proposed 'Ohio River Valley' viticultural area.

The region has historical significance and is generally recognized by the consuming public. The grapes and wines produced in this area share common characteristics. Wineries and growers have traditionally bought and sold across state lines. The political boundaries do not separate growing areas and would create more confusion if identified as 'Ohio River Valley-Ohio', 'Ohio River Valley-Indiana,' etc. The river creates the valley and thus the growing region and although it is large, it is reasonable and logical.

We would hope that the 'Ohio River Valley' receives speedy recognition.

Sincerely,

Donniella Winchell

Donniella Winchell
Executive Secretary
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Mr. John Linthicum, BATF
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20226

Mr. Linthicum,

As president of the Ohio Wine Producers Association, I would like to express my support for the 'Ohio River Valley' appellation of origin petition.

The boundaries include the vineyards and wineries currently involved in the commercial production of grapes and wine. Although the area is large, the grapes and wines all share common characteristics and the river provides the similar soil and climate conditions. To divide it otherwise would be an artificial breakdown of existing conditions. In addition, the area has historically grown grapes and is known to the public in general as 'The Ohio River Valley.' Another name would create confusion in the consumers' minds.

We strongly support the approval of the petition.

Sincerely,

Arnulf Esterer,
President, OWPA

St. Meinrad Archabbey



ST. MEINRAD, INDIANA 47577

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December 27, 1982

John Linthicum
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linthicum:

It has come to my attention that the petition for the proposed Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area is before the B.A.T.F. & awaiting approval. I am writing to say that I am much in favor of the proposal & urge that it be speedily approved.

The wineries in the proposed Area are comparatively small & it is obvious that they can't compete with the large producers in other parts of the country. It is my opinion that they should rather capitalize on what they have in their favor - grapes grown in an area that gives them distinctive qualities. Well made wine from these grapes have a definite character all their own. The designation of the Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area would be a recognition of that character. I would provide both encouragement to the producers & an aid to the consumers in identifying what they buy. Again, I urge its speedy approval.

sincerely,
David Petry, O.S.B.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 5, 1983

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Mr. Stephen E. Higgins
Acting Director
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Higgins:

I am pleased for this opportunity to add my endorsement to a petition submitted to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for approval of an Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area.

I am advised that the Bureau will be reviewing this petition and supporting information at the end of this month. I would appreciate your assistance in being informed of the Bureau's decision in this matter after its evaluation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and letter of support. I would advise that future correspondence on this matter be addressed to the attention of Ms. Janet Boyd of my staff.

Sincerely,



Dan Quayle
U.S. Senator

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McINTOSH'S OHIO VALLEY WINES
2033 Bethel New Hope Road
Bethel, Ohio 45106

January 4, 1983

Chief of Regulations and Procedures Division
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
P. O. Box 385
Washington, D. C. 20044-0385

Attn: Mr. John Linthicum

Ref: Notice No. 442

Gentlemen:

In reference to Notice No. 442, Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area, I feel that the designated region is too large and loses the identification of our region. A thorough study will reveal that the proposed viticultural area in both West Virginia and Kentucky contributes very little to the wine industry.

It is proposed that these States be deleted from this viticultural area. Further, that the name "Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area" be amended to read "Ohio Valley Viticultural Area". Research will show that other viticultural areas do not use the word "River", for example: Moselle Region, Rhine Region, Middle Rhine Region, Middle Neckar Region, Lower Neckar Region, Napa Valley Region.

It is also suggested that the proposed viticultural area be divided by states, the State of Ohio portion of this viticultural area to be called "Ohio Valley Viticultural Area", and the State of Indiana portion to be called "Lower Ohio Valley Viticultural Area". The tradition of wine making by Nicholas Longworth all centered in Cincinnati, Ohio and eastwardly in the Ohio Valley. Therefore, I feel that this viticultural area does have a long standing identification with wine making history.

Very truly yours,



Charles D. McIntosh
BW-OH-276

CDM:am

LEE H. HAMILTON
9TH DISTRICT, INDIANA

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January 7, 1983

Mr. John A. Linthicum, Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
P. O. Box 385
Washington, D. C. 20044-0385

Dear Mr. Linthicum:

I am writing in support of a petition submitted by Mr. John A. Garrett of Milan, Indiana, to designate the Ohio River Valley as a viticultural area.

The Ohio River Valley has been recognized by viticulturalists for 150 years. Such a designation would help to insure an increase in the number of vineyards in the area. In the interests of consumers, the designation will help them identify wines they purchase.

I urge your careful consideration of this petition. I appreciate your time and attention to my comments. Please advise me of your actions in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



LEE H. HAMILTON, M. C.

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J. E. McKINNEY, M. D.

MAYSVILLE, KY. 41056

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Aberdeen, O. 45101

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Mr. John Linthicum
Research & Regulation Branch B.A.T.F.
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Sir:

We would appreciate your effort for an early action on the Ohio Valley mine district division. We understand it is pending and some action should be taken as soon as possible for everyone concerned.

Sincerely,

Amelia D. McKinney



The Ohio State University
Ohio Agricultural Research
and Development Center

Department of Horticulture
Wooster, Ohio 44691
Phone 216 264-1021

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January 12, 1983

Dr. John A. Linthicum, Research & Regulations Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20026


Dear John:

Thanks very much for sending me the information from the Federal Register concerning the various appellations for Ohio. I know from our previous conversation, the concerns that you have for the Ohio Valley appellation. Although it is large in area, as presently outlined, I had a difficult time determining why all the people in this area are not equally entitled to the term "Ohio River Valley". I think the term is one that is well identified and should accomplish the goal of helping the consumer determine what he is buying.

If the petition is approved as published, then I think it would serve the most good for the most people. Eventually some more unique viticultural areas, *with in these* may develop as additional acreage is planted. I have established plantings and conducted research on the counties adjoining the Ohio River from Monroe County to Cincinnati and would find it difficult to call it anything but an Ohio River Valley climate. By the same token, vineyards established in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana along the Ohio River should be similar. And, since the name Ohio River Valley belongs to everyone in that area engaged in viticulture, it would be difficult to name it anything else.

I hope I have been of some assistance to you on this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call or write me here at the Research Center.

Very sincerely,


Garth A. Cahoon
Professor

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PACIFIC LAND USE SERVICE/PLUS

22575 Oak Canyon Road
Salinas, California 93908

January 15, 1983

John A. Linthicum
Research and Regulations Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Linthicum:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment upon the proposed Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area. While I am a California resident, I previously lived in southwestern Ohio for approximately nine years. As a result, I am well acquainted with that section of the Ohio River Valley extending from Madison, Indiana to Ripley, Ohio.

At this time, I would like to urge the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to approve the proposed Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area as described in the Federal Register of December 14, 1982. While I realize that the proposed viticultural area is very large, I cannot offer any substantive/meaningful alternatives. As a matter of fact, after having studied this issue for the past week, I am firmly convinced that climate and soil similarities should be the principal criteria upon which ATF bases its final decision. As you are aware, these same geographical elements constitute the basis of Mr. Garrett's petition.

While the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms may be concerned by the absence of grape growing in nearly one third of the counties proposed to be included within the aforementioned viticultural area, I would like to suggest that the Ohio River Valley has great potential for far more extensive plantings in the years ahead. Towards this end, designation of a large viticultural area in the Ohio River Valley will help to spur new plantings, new wineries, and new job opportunities - not only in the already producing counties, but also in most, if not all, of the currently non-grape producing counties.

Good luck in your evaluation!

With Best Regards,
F. C. Raeon
Franklyn C. Raeon

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HARLEY KAUFFMAN
MOUNT VERNON, IND.
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John A. Linthicum
Bureau of A.T.&F.
1200 Penn. Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Sir:

I grow grapes (approx. 4000 plants) in Posey County Indiana. My vineyard is located 2 miles due North of Diamond Island in the Ohio River. I urge you to approve the Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area as printed in the Federal Register of Dec. 14, 1982.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours
Harley Kauffman Jr.

Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620

P.S. There are approx. 15 acres of commercial grapes grown in Posey County.

SUGAR BAY FARM

Ref: -

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Notice No. 442

WARSAW, Ky 41095

JAN. 19, 1983

A.T.F.

Regulations & Procedures Division

P.O. BOX 385

WASHINGTON, DC 20044

Dear Sir's,

I AM very much in favor of
an "OHIO RIVER VALLEY VITICULTURAL
AREA" designated a "wine district"

Having purchased a small
farm on the Ohio River in
GALLATIN County, Ky. for my
retirement and looking for a
product to produce there to help
supplement my income, Grapes
are the answer for me and I
plan to plant 8 acres in grapes
this spring and the creation

of this wine District (2)
would help me and many others
in many ways.

I do hope you find your way
clear to create this "Ohio River
Valley wine District.

Thank you very much.

Cordially yours,

George H. Mehter

George H. Mehter

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Engineering, Inc.
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January 24, 1983

Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
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Attn: Notice No. 442

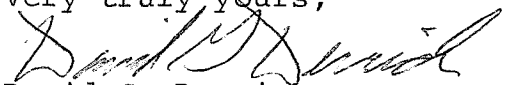
Gentlemen:

I am writing to express my support for establishment of the "Ohio River Valley" viticultural area as proposed by Mr. John A. Garrett and as outlined in your Notice No. 442.

The area petitioned for inclusion in the "Ohio River Valley" area possesses a unique combination of soils, climate, and topography. These geographical features lend themselves to production of wine grapes of a common character unique to the U.S. Wine Industry.

As a businessman and amateur grower and winemaker, I feel that establishment of the proposed viticultural area is essential to nurturing a wine industry in the Ohio Valley. Public recognition of our regional wines is requisite to competing in the growing domestic wine market. Once this regional recognition is gained, it will be practical to further establish subdivisions within the proposed "Ohio River Valley" area.

In the interest of encouraging viticulture in the Ohio Valley, I urge your prompt approval of the referenced petition and thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Very truly yours,

David G. Derrick

cc: John Garrett
George Wessel

FISHER RIDGE



WINE COMPANY

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Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
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Attn: Notice 442

January 25, 198³~~2~~

Comment from the Fisher Ridge Wine Company on the proposed Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area:

Dear Chief:

Fisher Ridge Wine Company agrees with the ATF on the desirability of establishing viticultural districts as a means of assisting consumers to better identify the wines they purchase. However, it is our opinion that these districts will be of limited use so long as there is no attempt to identify and encourage recommended grape varieties within the various viticultural areas.

FRWC feels that the proposed Ohio River Valley District has serious shortcomings that need to be addressed if it is to meet ATF criteria of assisting the consumer.

First, is the fact of it's large physical size. The approximate northern and eastern extreme of this district is Pittsburgh. Louisville is the far southern and western border. Even though there are general overall similarities in soil and climate, wines produced in the extremes would be so dissimilar as to confuse rather than to assist the consumer.

Second, is the wide variety of grapes grown within this particular district. There are more types and styles produced in the proposed ORV area than in the entire state of California. Therefore a viticultural area designation does nothing to assist the consumer as to the quality

of a variety from the proposed district.

FRWC proposes a series of subdistricts be allowed within the ORV area. Also, that the producers within the subdistricts be empowered to establish a series of approved and recommended varieties. That stricter rules as to varietal and estate labeling be applied if a sub-district name is used.

If such a system were established consumers would better identify the products. Also, if stricter standards were applied to sub-districts, producers would be encouraged to plant and produce recommended varieties so as to enhance the reputation of their sub-district. It is to be emphasized that identification of recommended varieties should be left to sub-district producers.

Finally, FRWC proposes that a Kanawha River Valley sub-district be established within the above listed ORV area.

Enclosed is a U. S. Department of the Interior map of the State of West Virginia scale: one: 500,000, outlining the proposed sub-district.

The proposed boundaries are as follows:

- 1) Starting at Ravenswood, West Virginia as the northern most point in Jackson County.
- 2) The boundary proceeds in a southerly direction to the town of Ripley in Jackson County.
- 3) The boundary then proceeds in a southerly direction paralleling I-77 to the city of Charleston in Kanawha County.
- 4) The boundary then proceeds in a westerly direction approximately parallel to I-64 on the northern side of Teays Valley to the City of Huntington in Cabell County, West Virginia.
- 5) The boundary then proceeds in a northerly direction along the Ohio River to Ravenswood, the starting point.

Fisher Ridge Wine Company finds that there are three main features that distinguish the Kanawha area from the Ohio area.

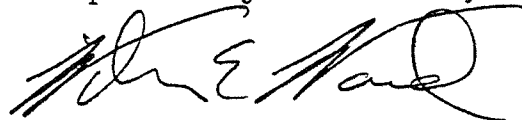
First, and most important is the near constant wind movement that occurs when the prevailing winds enter the Appalachian foothills. The result is near frost free conditions in spring and an increased drying effect during the growing season which reduces fungus disease problems.

Second is those areas suitable for viticulture. The Ohio River sites are located on a broad flat river basin and in to relatively shallow surrounding foothills. The Kanawha River Valley sites are on ridge tops of 800 to 1000 feet which take advantage of prevailing wind movement.

Third is the basic difference in soil type. This is the result of the upthrust of the Appalachian foothills. Soil is basically sandy loam with bands of red clay in the Kanawha area, whereas the Ohio area lists grey-brown podzolic as the dominant type.

In summary FRWC proposes that the Kanawha River Valley area be included as a sub-district of the Ohio River Valley district. We submit that although Kanawha River Valley has some general similarities, there is a significant difference to warrant separate status as a sub-district. Finally FRWC requests that if ATF feels sub-district status will not help better define the Ohio River Valley area that the Kanawha River Valley area be separated from the original petition so that Fisher Ridge Wine Company may petition for the Kanawha Valley Valley as a viticultural area in it's own right.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Wilson E. Ward
Fisher Ridge Wine Company
President

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enc: map of West Virginia



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26 January 1983

Mr. John A. Linthicum
Research & Regulations BATF
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Linthicum,

Re: "Ohio River Valley"
Viticultural Area

The Indiana Winegrower's Guild strongly affirms the need for and our right to be included in the "Ohio River Valley" viticultural area.

We are in accord with the "Ohio River Valley" viticultural area as outlined by Mr. John A. Garrett and we urge prompt action in approving the "Ohio River Valley" viticultural area.

Sincerely,

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JOHN M. MUTZ
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Mr. John A. Linthicum
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Dear Mr. Linthicum:

As Lt. Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Indiana, I would like to encourage the approval of the Ohio River Valley as a viticultural area as petitioned by the Indiana Grape Growers Guild. Although I can understand your objections to the petition as stated, it would seem that we should make every effort to promote those endeavors that can improve our economy, no matter how small or large.

I believe the designation of the Ohio River Valley as a viticultural area, regardless of the boundaries eventually decided upon, will aid the marketing of wines from that area. It is important that we focus our priorities on those industries indigenous to this area and that we do everything we can to see that they prosper. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Mutz".

JOHN M. MUTZ
Lieutenant Governor
Commissioner of Agriculture
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Mr. John A. Linthicum, Research & Regulations Branch
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Dear Mr. Linthicum:

This will advise you of my approval of the Notice No 442, as published, regarding the Ohio River Valley Viticultural Area. I find no objections to the discription and to the area covered.

My Vineyard, Noble Ridge Vineyard, is located at Sanders Kentucky which is well within the "Ohio River Valley" area. I feel that the regional name assigned truly represents the natural geographical configuration of the area. The grape varieties grown in this area are generally the same with the same climatic and soil conditions.

Having a viticultural region to identify with will bring current vitners together and will inspire other farm wineries to emerge.

I petition you to promptly approve Notice 442 and I appreciate your consideration of my opinion.

Cordially,

George S. Wessel
Noble Ridge Vineyard

STATE OF OHIO
Richard F. Celeste, Governor
Alfred S. Dietzel, Director



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May 16, 1983

Mr. Tom George, Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
P.O. Box 385
Washington, D.C. 20044-0385

Attn: Notice No. 460 and 462

Dear Mr. George:

I am writing to encourage the designation of three viticultural areas in Ohio: Lake Erie, Grand River Valley, and Ohio River Valley. The wine industry is a growing component of the Ohio economy. The designation of such areas will assist in the marketing and labeling of Ohio wines not only domestically but also in the international marketplace.

Ohio is not a stranger to the wine industry. Prior to the Civil War Ohio was the nation's leading wine producer. Ohio is once again asserting itself in this expanding market. The designation of these three areas will assist that development.

Ohio is producing wines moderately-priced for the domestic market. It is important that designation is established to insure consumers are informed in their purchase. The present sophistication of the United States' wine market demands this type of specification.

Viticultural areas in Ohio and neighboring states will expand our tourism trade, an important segment of our economy.

As Director of the Ohio Department of Development, I recognize the importance of the designation of these areas and encourage the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to certify the areas of the Great Lake, Grand River Valley and Ohio River Valley as viticultural areas.

Sincerely,

Alfred S. Dietzel
Director

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RICHARD F. CELESTE
GOVERNOR

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Attention: Notice No. 460 and 462

Dear Mr. George:

I am proud to pledge my full support for designation of the viticultural areas called Lake Erie, Grand River Valley, and Ohio River Valley. Designation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms as viticultural areas is an important step in the recognition process for Ohio wine.

Ohio has a long history of producing quality wine, and was once the nation's leader in wine production. The wine industry in Ohio is ever expanding with increasing sophistication. Ohio wines are having success entering the international market as well as providing good, moderately-priced wines domestically.

Designated Viticultural Areas will assist the Ohio wine industry in marketing and labeling its product. The designation is also good for consumers; it informs as well as protects consumers as they shop for their favored wines.

I support all efforts for the official designation of these areas and will do what I can to assist growth in this historically Ohio-rooted industry. I encourage the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to designate the Lake Erie, Grand River Valley, and Ohio River Valley areas as recognized viticultural areas.

Sincerely,

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RICHARD F. CELESTE
Governor

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May 18, 1983

Mr. Tom George, Chief
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RE: PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 460 & 462

Dear Mr. George:

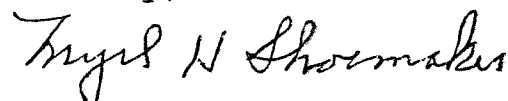
I enthusiastically support designation of three viticultural areas in Ohio: Lake Erie, Grand River Valley and Ohio River Valley. Designation by your agency is important to the recognition of fine Ohio wines and an expanding industry.

Ohio has a rich heritage as a wine producing state. Along the Ohio River in southwest Ohio, the climate, soils and physiography enabled this region to produce quality domestic wines making Ohio the nation's number one producer in the mid-1800's.

Lake Erie has a moderating effect on climates of the Ohio south shore, extending the growing season in Ohio's "fruit belt." The unique combinations of climate, physiography and soils are important reasons for the expansion of Ohio's wine industry in the Lake Erie area Grand River valley.

Tourism will benefit as well from the deserved recognition of Ohio's wine producing areas. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is doing its part to foster this important trade. It is for this reason that I strongly encourage certification of the Ohio River Valley, Lake Erie and Grand River Valley as viticultural areas.

Sincerely,



MYRL H. SHOEMAKER
Director

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