



## April 16: Sonoma Valley Wine COVID-19 Business Survey

### **Please Take The COVID-19 Business Survey**

*This Information is Key to Advocacy Efforts*

SVVGA has been in contact with our elected officials on a continuous basis prior to, but more importantly, throughout this crisis. Congressman Mike Thompson has asked SVVGA to communicate this survey to members and provide him with key information. The status of our business community is crucial for our representatives to know, while advocating for more and increased economic stimulus efforts.

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## **News Updates**

### **Tasting Samples for Virtual Winery Experiences Approved by TTB**

In an effort to help stimulate DTC wine sales, the TTB and California ABC both confirmed on Monday, April 13 that they will permit small containers of wine to be sent to consumers for virtual tasting under existing regulations, subject to meeting specific federal and state requirements. New York, Florida, Oklahoma and South Carolina will also permit shipping of tastings samples subject to their

current DTC regulations and Wine Institute is working on getting approvals from other states that currently allow DTC shipping. For out-of-state shipments, tasting samples are reportable DTC shipments applied to a customer's quantity limitations, and are subject to taxes and all other requirements of DTC shipments in each state.

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## Implementing a National Return to Work Plan

To help business and government anticipate the challenges we may face, the [U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#) has begun to explore and catalogue some of the major implications of returning to work in this environment—ranging from workplace safety and employee rights to liability concerns and continued revenue disruptions.

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## Upcoming Webinars

### **M/W/F at 10:30am: Sonoma-Napa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Zoom Meetings**

This is a key meeting to get the most up-to-date information on the PPP and EIDL program. They have local [Sonoma County SBDC](#) financial counselors on the call to answer real-time questions from businesses.

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### **April 22, 10:00am: Winegrape Contracts & Enforcement**

Join CAWG to review the ins-and-outs of winegrape contracts. Presenting will be Dale Stern of Downey Brand and Hardeep Badyal, Chief Investigator, CDFA Market Enforcement Branch.

- This webinar will focus on common winegrape contract matters, CA producers liens, and your options if a winery is slow to pay, or has not paid for your 2019 fruit.
- It was also cover force majeure clauses and discuss grower options around cancelled contracts.

**IMPORTANT:** This webinar is for CAWG members only. A membership verification will be made before you receive a confirmation. Please list your company name as registered with CAWG.

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### **April 22, 11:00am: Agriculture/Wine/Cannabis Industry Health Order Webinar**

In partnership with County Counsel and the Sonoma County Department of Health, the Economic Development Board will be hosting a series of webinars in the coming weeks, with a focus on providing clarity and guidance to specific sections of the Public Health Order.

Dr. Sundari Mase and County Counsel have both agreed to participate and answer questions. Examples of questions include, but aren't limited to:

- Given the current order, what is unclear about how your operations are affected?
- Are there any insights you'd like to share from an industry insider point of view?

Please **RSVP** to [edbevents@sonoma-county.org](mailto:edbevents@sonoma-county.org) with your interest to attend and Zoom Meeting Details will be sent to you.

**April 23, 10:00am: R&D Tax Credit Relief for Growers**

Join CAWG to learn more about the Research and Development (R&D) Tax Credit and how your operations and activities may qualify. The R&D tax credit may offer solutions for reducing your tax liability, resulting in an immediate source of cash for your operation.

Former United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns will start the webinar by discussing COVID-19 and its implications on the agricultural industry.

Alliantgroup's Managing Director, Reed Showalter will then review the basics of the R&D Tax Credit and how the credit may be a way of financial relief during these challenging times.

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