

2444 Soda Canyon Road
Napa Ca 94558

14th November 2010

Dear Neighbors

Another Winery in Soda Canyon?

On August 18 2010, a group of your neighbors, residents of the 2200~2600 blocks of our road, appealed to the Napa County Board of Commissioners to either deny the issuance of a use permit for the construction of a winery at 2400 Soda Canyon or, at the very least, to delay their findings for 90 days.

The Board ruled, 5~0, in favor of the applicants, Relic Winery.

In August, we told the Commissioners that, whereas the applicants had obviously been formulating their plans for at least eight months, and maybe more, we had been given two weeks notice of the proposed "small family winery". When it was revealed that "small" was defined in the use permit application as an 8500 sq ft, two story, corrugated steel building, plus 2500 sq ft of caves, it certainly caught the neighbors' attention.

The applicants are also asking to be allowed 6300 wine tasting visitors per year. The site has no vines nor, we believe, do the applicants grow their own fruit at other locations. Therefore, trucks will be required to deliver all necessary grapes and to ship the finished wine. Additionally there will be daily trips by employees and all the ancillary support staff needed by a commercial enterprise.

These same immediate neighbors are therefore appealing the Commissions decision to the Board of Supervisors and a public hearing is scheduled for 11 am Tuesday 23rd November 2010.

For this second appeal we have engaged the services of Messrs Gagen, McCoy, McMahon, Koss, Markowitz and Raines of St Helena and Danville. We have also commissioned reports of expert, licensed consultants.

We believe that Soda Canyon is too narrow and winding to safely absorb the vehicular traffic required to support the proposed winery marketing plan. Everyone who lives on this Canyon is aware of the volume of cars on our road at early morning and evenings. Do we want to see more traffic? The entrance/exit of the proposed winery is 100 feet north of the fire station which our traffic consultant advises poses significant safety concerns.

We also have fire safety concerns due to the proposed number of visitors who would be permitted. The visitors will have no knowledge of the fire risks posed when a fire caused at the roadside spreads quickly uphill due to our steep hillsides. The risk to our homes from fire will not be shared by the Relic Winery applicants, whose home is in St Helena.

Please join us in petitioning the Supervisors by signing the attached form. You can either mail the form in the attached envelope or put it in my mailbox at number 2444 Soda Canyon Road.

If you can possibly arrange to attend the Appeal next week, our attorneys assure us that a large number of concerned residents at the hearing would be very helpful to our appeal.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I hope you will sign the petition.

Regards

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