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Alcohol & Tobacco Trade Bureau
Regulations & Rulings Division – AVA Program
1310 G Street NW, Room 200E
Washington D.C., 20220

Subject: Letter in support of proposed Lewis-Clark Valley AVA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the formation of the Lewis Clark Valley AVA. Our winery has great interest in the Lewis Clark Valley AVA for several reasons. My winery is the oldest in Northern Idaho and we will begin our 29th year of operation in 2011. For 22 of those years we were perhaps a 'pleasant surprise' to visitor's enroute to recognized wine regions in Washington State. We were not a destination and being the only winery in the proposed appellation at that time, we were unable to do valuable 'destination' marketing. I strongly support the granting of this request as it supports our industry in general and our growing collection of small producers in particular. Approval of this request will also heighten the value of locally grown grapes thus helping the grower's side of the local wine equation. Our winery has been in production since 1983 and produces 2000 cases annually. I believe Idaho's wine industry will benefit from the creation of this AVA.

Sincerely,

Stuart Scott,



May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the formation of an American Viticultural Area in the Lewis-Clark Valley. Colter's Creek Winery currently produces roughly 1000 cases annually, with plans to expand to between 3000-4000 cases in the next 10 years. We strive to produce premium wines made solely from grapes grown in the Lewis-Clark Valley.

The Lewis-Clark Valley AVA would give credence to this region as a unique area for both grape growing and wine production. In addition, it would lead to an increase in tourism to the area, benefitting local businesses and encouraging the establishment of new businesses. Designated wine regions generally contribute significantly to both state and federal economies, and I have no doubt that the Lewis-Clark Valley AVA would do the same. Fishing, boating, rafting, and various outdoor recreational activities draw thousands of tourists to our region every year, and an AVA would only help to draw more.

At Colter's Creek, we take pride in producing wines from fruit we have grown, wines that earn medals and recognition in national competitions. Unfortunately, we are unable to label our wines as 'estate wines' as we currently are not within a designated AVA. The Lewis-Clark Valley AVA would allow us to market ourselves as an estate winery, which is highly respected in the wine industry. As a grower, an AVA designation would also allow us to market our fruit to more wineries both within and outside of the AVA boundary. As both a small business owner and a member of the Lewis-Clark Valley community, I believe the Lewis-Clark Valley AVA would significantly benefit our region. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Sanborn
Winemaker
Colter's Creek Winery

CLEARWATER CANYON CELLARS

June 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for the formation of an American Viticultural Area in the Lewis-Clark Valley. We currently own and operate Clearwater Canyon Cellars, a winery in Lewiston, Idaho. Our wines are produced primarily from grapes grown within the purposed Lewis-Clark AVA region, are of high quality, and possess unique qualities. However, without an AVA we are unable to clearly communicate the origin of our wine to consumers. For example, we recently produced a Merlot composed of 68% Lewiston and 32% Clarkston grown grapes. Under the current labeling laws our options for regional designation were; USA or 68% Idaho/32% Washington. Because of the vagueness of a USA designation we decided to label the wine as 68% Idaho and 32% Washington. If the newly purposed AVA is established we can label this and many of our other wines, "Lewis-Clark Valley," thus communicating that the grapes came from a specific grape growing region of Idaho and Washington. Without the AVA is difficult to distinguish our wines from wines grown in Southern Idaho and other grape growing regions of Washington. This is especially important when our wines are sold at retail wine shops where the consumer relies heavily on wine label information.

In addition to owning a winery we own Umiker Vineyard, also located within the proposed AVA. Although the grapes have proven to produce uniquely excellent wines, we struggle to sell our fruit to wineries because of labeling challenges and lack of regional identity. Despite these challenges Umiker Vineyard has sold/contracted grapes to three other Northwest wineries (one in WA and two in ID), in addition to Clearwater Canyon Cellars, all of which would be able to state the new AVA on their labels. Although there is a great deal of historical and current proof of grape growing success in the Lewis-Clark Valley, an AVA designation is needed to help communicate to consumers the unique qualities offered by wines of this region.

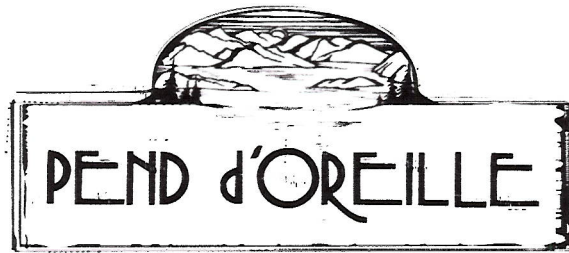
We are in strong support of an AVA designation for the Lewis-Clark Valley region.

Sincerely,

Karl and Coco Umiker

Owners – Clearwater Canyon Cellars LLC and Umiker Vineyard LLC

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I am writing to express my support for the formation of an American Viticultural Area in the Lewis-Clark Valley. Pend d'Oreille Winery, located to the north of the proposed AVA, has enjoyed success for 16 years by working with niche vineyards and locations.

The Lewis-Clark Valley AVA fits our niche perfectly. In fact, we produced a wine from a vineyard located in the proposed AVA in 1999 through 2001. I believe these may have been the first commercially produced wines since pre-prohibition. I found the quality to be unique and of superb quality.

I believe the Lewis-Clark AVA will create validation giving this area the ability to expand grape production and economic opportunities for both growers and tourism. For Pend d'Oreille Winery, it would provide an opportunity to make a wine that fits a niche and tells a story based in history as well as current innovation.

Please consider bestowing an official American Viticultural Area designation to the Lewis-Clark Valley. Such a designation would create both artistic and economic opportunities.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Meyer
President, Winemaker
Pend d'Oreille Winery, Inc.
Celebrating 16 years of Vinting Excellence
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Dana & Steve Trabun
Barili Cellars
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April 21, 2011

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I am writing to express my support for the formation an American Viticultural Area in the Lewis Clark Valley. The granting of this AVA supports the established wine industry of Eastern Washington and North-Central Idaho as well as the growing collection of small wine producers and grape growers. Approval of this AVA not only heightens the value of locally grown grapes, it helps to identify the region as a distinguished viticulture area and allows wineries to do valuable 'destination' marketing. We have found this to be an invaluable tool in promoting our wines and believe the same will hold true for other wineries producing wine from these areas.

Our winery has been in production since 2008 and produces 400 cases annually. I believe our local wine industry will benefit from the creation of this AVA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana L. Trabun".

Dana L. Trabun
Owner/Winemaker
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Our winery has been in production since 1984 and produces 3500 cases annually. I believe our local wine industry will benefit from the creation of this AVA.

Sincerely,

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Erik Manz
Winemaker
Mountain Dome Winery

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June 3, 2013

Regulations and Rules Div.

We (Arnett Vineyard) are writing this letter in support of establishing a new (Lewis and Clark Valley) AVA.

We would like to think that we helped start the process of researching and applying for an AVA designation for this region. We would rather be recognized as part of a smaller unique (Lewis and Clark Valley) AVA than be one (1) of many in a much larger (Columbia Valley) AVA.

We planted our first block of vines in 1998. After establishing that our site was good for grapes, we planted another block of primarily red vines in 2002. We purchased more property and expanded the vineyard in 2010,

Our grapes are purchased by two (2) Idaho wineries; Clearwater Canyon Cellars, Lewiston, Idaho and Colter Creek Winery, Juliaetta, Idaho.

Given the rich wine and grape history, the geological differences and climatology of this area, we feel we should have our own AVA.

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Jim and Dana Arnett

Arnett Vineyard

Clarkston, Wa