

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 53

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Chairman Barker, members of the committee:

Thank you for conducting this hearing on Senate Bill 53 and for the opportunity to testify in support.

The Kansas Grape Growers and Winemakers Association, stands in support of the naming of these grapes as our state red and white winemaking grapes. Both Chambourcin and Vignoles are our most widely planted and harvested wine grapes in Kansas. In addition, they are often our most awarded at both domestic and international wine competitions. They are both an excellent match for our Kansas terroir.

As we continue to build our state wine industry, these grape varieties will play an integral role in the marketing and identity of the Kansas wine industry. The ability to build our marketing programs around these grapes, will be important to the continued success of our growing industry.

Thank you again for conducting a hearing on this bill. Please let me know if I may be of assistance with this, or any grape and wine matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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