
**Kansas
Viticulture
and Farm
Winery
Association**

February 14, 2022
House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee
Testimony in support of HB 2688
from Philip Bradley for KVFWA

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I am Philip Bradley representing the Kansas Viticulture & Winery Association.

The KVFWA would like to voice their enthusiastic support of HB 2688. Our position as Farm Wineries currently provides us with the pleasure of growing, crafting, serving, and selling our wines to Kansans. We feel privileged to live and work here. We endorse House Bill 2688 and ask for you to pass it out favorably, as soon as possible.

We testified in the Interim Committee on Liquor Modernization and asked for this amendment to the statutes. This follows and is the same action that was granted to Producer's license holders in last year's session. It responds to the demands of our consumers. It is logical, as once we have been granted a winery license, we are then de facto an appropriate place for these activities. Even prior to the pandemic, it was often requested by some of our visitors/customers, to purchase & consume beer. We could not do so under current statutes. This bill will remedy that. Since then, as more and more Kansans frequent our wineries, it continues to be a request.

We invite you to visit our vineyards and wineries to experience our craft, and share our pride in this, another side of the wonderful Kansas agriculture. Our membership consists of farm wineries and vineyards of Kansas. There are 88 Wineries, Outlets, & Farmers Market Permits in our State. A list of all KS Wineries & Outlets is provided as pages 3-6.

Thank you for considering our position as part of both the Kansas agricultural and business community. We are grateful to all parties for working to create and advance this measure. I am available for your questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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The Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association (KVFWA) is a not-for-profit organization whose main purpose is to nurture the expansion and growth of the grape industry in Kansas, particularly for farm wineries.

Through participation in Kansas agritourism, members offer local communities the opportunity to visit their vineyards and experience the process of harvest and wine making, right through to the tasting of the finished wines, many of which have won both local and national awards. The Association is also dedicated to the principle that the wines produced by the State's farm wineries should be made from a minimum of 85% of juices from grapes and fruits grown in Kansas.

Although Kansas is not usually thought of as a wine producing State, it has a long history of grape growing with almost 5,000 acres of vineyards in the State prior to Prohibition. The Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association is committed to bringing back those vineyards and contributing to the rich agricultural heritage that is the tradition in Kansas.

We invite you to explore our farms, and we welcome your suggestions for how we can better serve the growing wine-loving community both locally and statewide. Explore the Northeastern Kansas Wine Trail and visit our member farm winery vineyards! You can taste their wines and take a tour of their vineyards. Some of our members even offer the opportunity to help at harvest. Great for a family or group outing!

New vineyards and wineries are popping up all over Kansas... and visitors are welcome!

Cheers!

A VERY BRIEF HISTORY

Is there a history of wine making in Kansas? The answer is a resounding, YES! In fact, if it were not for the hardiness of midwestern rootstock, the blight ridden vineyards of Europe in the mid 1800's would not have survived. That's right, it was rootstock from midwestern grapes that were used as a graft for European grape varieties, because of their resistance to the bacterial infection that plagued European vineyards at the time.

At one point in its history, Kansas produced a sizeable amount of grapes and has a long history of grape growing and wine making. A timeline produced by the Kansas Department of Commerce shows that in 1901, despite Prohibition, over 5,000 acres of Kansas vineyards were still producing grapes. By 1933, although Prohibition ended, Kansas retained strict laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol and vineyards fell into neglect and eventual decline. In 1985, Kansas passed the Farm Winery Act establishing guidelines for wineries and by 2005, 13 licensed farm wineries in Kansas produced 50,000 gallons of wine from only 170 total acres of grapes. In January 2010, the number of licensed farm wineries had grown to 23 located in 21 counties from central to northeastern Kansas. Kansas vineyards produce wines from American native, American hybrid and French Hybrid grapes. These wines have won awards not only in the Midwest, but also on a National level, and the wine community is coming to recognize the value and unique quality of Kansas wines.

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County	Owner	Business Name	Address	License Type
Barton	Rosewood Services Inc	Rosewood Wine Cellars	1901 Lakin Street Great Bend, KS 67530	Farm Winery Outlet
Barton	Rosewood Services Inc	Rosewood Winery	1171 SW 20th Road Pawnee Rock, KS 67567	Farm Winery
Bourbon	Robert P. Duncan & Denise S. Duncan	Vinedo Del Alamo	2304 Poplar Road Fort Scott, KS 66701-8242	Farm Winery
Butler	Meadowlark Farm LLC	Meadowlark Farm Orchard and Cidery	11249 SW 160th Street Rose Hill, KS 67133	Farm Winery
Cherokee	Vogel Property Group LLC	Vogel Family Vineyards	116 Hillcrest Drive Galena, KS 66739-0187	Farm Winery
Cowley	Randall Storey & Rebecca Storey	Windswept Winery	1227 92nd Road Udall, KS 67146-7441	Farm Winery
Cowley	Versato LLC	Mabels Homestead Vineyards	2776 272nd Road Arkansas City, KS 67005	Farm Winery
Cowley	Versato LLC	Mabels Homestead Vineyards	112B S Summit Road Ste 4 Arkansas City, KS 67005	Farm Winery Outlet
Cowley	Wheat State Wine Co LLC	Wheat State Wine Co	23622 Springhill Farm Drive Winfield, KS 67156-7848	Farm Winery
Decatur	Wahlmeier Farms Vineyard LLC	Wahlmeier Farms Vineyard	401 2600th Road Jennings, KS 67643-9420	Farm Winery
Douglas	Bluejacket Crossing Vineyard & Winery LLC	Bluejacket Crossing Vineyard & Winery	1969 N 1250 Road Eudora, KS 66025	Farm Winery
Douglas	Empty Nesters LLC	Empty Nesters	334 Elmore Street Lecompton, KS 66050	Farm Winery
Douglas	Free State Vineyards LLC	Crescent Moon Winery	732 Massachusetts Street Lawrence, KS 66044	Farm Winery Outlet
Douglas	Gregory A Shipe	Davenport Orchards & Vineyards	1394 E 1900 Road Eudora, KS 66025	Farm Winery
Douglas	Haven Pointe Winery LLC	Haven Pointe Winery	961 East 1600 Road Baldwin, KS 66006	Farm Winery
Douglas	Trivedi Wine LLC	Trivedi Wine	1826 E 1150 Road Lawrence, KS 66049-9163	Farm Winery
Douglas	White Tail Run Winery LLC	White Tail Run Winery	2327 N 400th Road Edgerton, KS 66021-4003	Farm Winery
Ellis	Resurrection Vineyard LLC	Resurrection Vineyard	1464 Hopewell Road Hays, KS 67601	Farm Winery
Ellsworth	Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery Inc	Wilson Wine Tasting Outlet	233 232 Highway Wilson, KS 67490	Farm Winery Outlet
Franklin	Longship Meadery LLC	Longship Meadery	425 Hamilton Road Pomona, KS 66076	Farm Winery

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Franklin	Louisburg Cider Mill Inc.	Pome on the Range	2050 Idaho Road Williamsburg, KS 66095	Farm Winery Outlet
Harvey	Ead's Winery LLC	Ead's Winery	215 W 10th Street Newton, KS 67114	Farm Winery
Harvey	Sollo Vineyards LLC	Grace Hill Winery	6300 S Grace Hill Road Whitewater, KS 67154	Farm Winery
Jefferson	Crooked Post Winery LLC	Crooked Post Winery	7397 K 92 Highway Ozawkie, KS 66070	Farm Winery
Jefferson	Don Bryant	Jefferson Hill Farm & Winery	12381 Washington Road McLouth, KS 66054	Farm Winery
Johnson	Aubrey Farms LLC	Aubrey Vineyards	7932 Santa Fe Drive Overland Park, KS 66204	Farm Winery Outlet
Johnson	Aubrey Farms LLC	Aubrey Vineyards	16350 Kenneth Road Overland Park, KS 66085	Farm Winery
Johnson	Black Labs LLC	Black Labs	15833 S Mahaffie Street Olathe, KS 66062	Farm Winery
Johnson	Bourgmont Winery LLC	Bourgmont Winery	11450 W 207th Street Bucyrus, KS 66013	Farm Winery
Johnson	Hoff Farms Inc	Stone Pillar Vineyard & Winery	11000 S Woodland Road Olathe, KS 66061-8711	Farm Winery
Johnson	KC Pumpkin Patch LLC	KC Wine Co	13875 Gardner Road Olathe, KS 66061	Farm Winery
Johnson	Serendipity Farm and Vine LLC	Serendipity Farm and Vine	4674 W 183rd Street Stilwell, KS 66085-7806	Farm Winery
Johnson	Sollo Vineyards LLC	Grace Hill Winery	12401 Johnson Drive Ste B Shawnee, KS 66216	Farm Winery Outlet
Labette	T & K Industries LLC	Flustered Blonde Vineyard and Winery	17064 Ness Road Parsons, KS 67357	Farm Winery
Leavenworth	Free State Vineyards LLC	Crescent Moon Winery	15930 246th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	Farm Winery
Leavenworth	Holy Field Vineyard & Winery LLC	Holy Field Vineyard & Winery	18807 158th Street Basehor, KS 66007	Farm Winery
Leavenworth	Irvine's Just Beyond Paradise LLC	Irvine's Just Beyond Paradise	13561 246th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	Farm Winery
Leavenworth	Z&M Twisted Vines Wines and Winery LLC	Z&M Twisted Vines Wines and Winery	620 Cherokee Street Leavenworth, KS 66048- 2628	Farm Winery
Leavenworth	Z&M Twisted Vines Wines and Winery LLC	Z&M Twisted Vineyard	24305 Loring Road Lawrence, KS 66044-7200	Farm Winery Outlet
Linn	Blue Dog Wine Co LLC	Blue Dog Wine Co	18499 Ransom Road LaCygne, KS 66040	Farm Winery

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Lyon	Emporia Winery LLC	Twin Rivers Wine & Gourmet Shoppe	627 Commercial Street Emporia, KS 66801-3901	Farm Winery
Mcpherson	Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery Inc	Under the Cork	110 N Main Street Lindsborg, KS 67456-2227	Farm Winery Outlet
Miami	Dennis J Reynolds	Somerset Ridge Vineyard & Winery	29725 Somerset Road Paola, KS 66071-8428	Farm Winery
Miami	Fossil Springs Elderberry Farm and Winery LLC	Fossil Springs	20171 W 327th Street Paola, KS 66071	Farm Winery
Miami	Graue Vineyards Middle Creek Winery LLC	Graue Vineyards Middle Creek Winery Outlet	36688 New Lancaster Rd New Lancaster, KS 66040	Farm Winery Outlet
Miami	Graue Vineyards Middle Creek Winery LLC	Middle Creek Winery	4353 W 351st Street Louisburg, KS 66053	Farm Winery
Miami	Isinglass Estate Winery LLC	Isinglass Estate Winery	16241 W 381st Street LaCygne, KS 66040	Farm Winery
Miami	Louisburg Cider Mill Inc.	Louisburg Cider Mill	14730 K 68 Highway Louisburg, KS 66053	Farm Winery
Miami	Nighthawk Vineyard & Winery LLC	Nighthawk Vineyard & Winery	16381 W 343rd Street Paola, KS 66071	Farm Winery
Montgomery	Phillip B Eastep	Choteau Creek Winery	4742 CR 5800 Cherryvale KS 67335	Farm Winery
Pottawatomie	Bodine Wine Company LLC	Bodine Wine Company	503 Miller Drive Wamego, KS 66547	Farm Winery
Pottawatomie	Hiatus Wine, LLC	Hiatus Wine	503 Miller Drive Wamego, KS 66547	Farm Winery
Pottawatomie	Highland Vineyards and Winery LLC	Highland Vineyards and Winery	503 Miller Drive Wamego, KS 66547	Farm Winery
Pottawatomie	Louis Vieux Winery LLC	Zydeco Meadery	503 Miller Drive #3 Wamego, KS 66547-1280	Farm Winery
Pottawatomie	Oz Winery LLC	Oz Winery	417 Lincoln Avenue Wamego, KS 66547	Farm Winery
Pottawatomie	Roy Garrett	Red Rock Hill Vineyards	503 Miller Drive Bay 4 Wamego, KS 66547	Farm Winery
Reno	Inland Ocean Vineyards LLC	Inland Ocean Vineyards & Winery	4704 E 43rd Street Hutchinson, KS 67502	Farm Winery
Riley	LAWE LLC	Liquid Art Winery and Estate	1745 Wildcat Creek Road Manhattan, KS 66503	Farm Winery
Saline	Adrian Hubele	Tanglefoot Wine Cellar	9925 S Amos Road Gypsum, KS 67448-9423	Farm Winery
Saline	Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery Inc	Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery	2771 Centennial Road Salina, KS 67401-1710	Farm Winery
Sedgwick	Jenny Dawn Cellars LLC	Jenny Dawn Cellars	703 E Douglas Avenue Ste 180 Wichita, KS 67202	Farm Winery

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Sedgwick	Simply Sangria Wine Co LLC	Simply Sangria	243 N Cleveland Avenue Wichita, KS 67214-4024	Farm Winery
Sedgwick	White Crow Cider Company LLC	White Crow Cider Company	1719 N Rock Road Suite 133 Wichita, KS 67206-1357	Farm Winery
Sedgwick	Wyldeewood Cellars Inc	Wyldeewood Cellars Outlet	7130 W Maple Street Ste 250 Wichita, KS 67209-2183	Farm Winery Outlet
Shawnee	Glaciers Edge Vineyard & Winery LLC	Glaciers Edge Vineyard & Winery	1636 SE 85th Street Wakarusa, KS 66546	Farm Winery
Shawnee	Gregory A Shipe	Davenport Orchards & Vineyard Outlet	6424 SW Huntoon Street Topeka, KS 66615	Farm Winery Outlet
Sumner	Wyldeewood Cellars Inc	Wyldeewood Cellars	951 E 119th Street S Peck, KS 67120-8714	Farm Winery
Trego	Shiloh Vineyard LLC	Shiloh Vineyard	16079 M Road WaKeeney, KS 67672	Farm Winery
Wabaunsee	Prairie Fire Winery LLC	Prairie Fire Winery	20250 Hudson Ranch Road Bldg B & C Paxico, KS 66526	Farm Winery
Wabaunsee	Wyldeewood Cellars Inc	Wyldeewood Cellars Outlet	32633 Grapevine Road Paxico, KS 66526-9285	Farm Winery Outlet
Wyandotte	Marc Rowe & Pamela Rowe	Rowe Ridge Vineyard & Winery	11255 Leavenworth Road Kansas City, KS 66109	Farm Winery
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