



napa valley vintners

May 22, 2008

Chairman Jeff Manfredi  
Calistoga Planning Commission  
City of Calistoga Planning and Building Department  
1232 Washington Street  
Calistoga, CA. 94515

**SUBJECT: NAPA COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE**

Dear Chairman Manfredi:

At the Napa Valley Vintners (NVV) Board of Directors meeting today, the board voted unanimously to reaffirm its longstanding support of the Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve.

In 1968, Napa Valley vintners and others in the community had the forethought to preserve open space and prevent future over-development by enacting the nation's first Agriculture Preserve. Since its adoption, not one acre of land has been removed from the preserve. This land-zoning ordinance established agriculture and open space as the "best use" for the land in the "fertile valley and foothill areas of Napa County." Initially the ordinance protected 23,000 acres of agricultural land stretching from Napa in the south to Calistoga. Today, more than 38,000 acres are contained within the Preserve.

Calistoga is a historically significant grape growing and wine making region of Napa Valley.

The NVV board strongly encourages the City of Calistoga Planning Commission to continue to respect the Napa Valley Ag Preserve and to do everything within its power to ensure that the Ag Preserve remains untouched.

Sincerely,

Rick Jones, Jones Family Vineyards  
CFO, Napa Valley Vintners Board of Directors