
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

Winemaking has been a California tradition since the late 1700s, when the practice was introduced by Spanish missionaries. In the nearly two hundred and fifty years that have followed, grapevines have spread far beyond the confines of the Spanish missions and now blanket countless lush hillsides and valleys. Our ideal climate, beautiful scenery, geographic diversity and grape growers and vintners of unparalleled expertise, all combine to make our state the perfect place to produce some of the world's finest wines.

With more than 2,400 wineries and 4,600 grape growers, California is proud to produce ninety percent of all U.S. wine and to be the world's fourth largest wine maker. Not only does this mean that our wines are adding distinctive flair to countless meals and special occasions, but also that billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs are strengthening our economy.

Many of our state's vintners are carrying on centuries-old agricultural traditions, while simultaneously utilizing the latest in environmentally friendly technologies. I send a special thank you to these conservationists, and I join all Californians in applauding the vast number of people involved in producing our state's extraordinary wines. This month is a time to celebrate their outstanding contributions to our state and to winemaking as a whole. So whether you're a winemaker or a responsible connoisseur, I extend my best wishes for a wonderful, month-long celebration of California's wine heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 2007, as "California Wine Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 6th day of April 2007.



Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Debra Bowen in black ink.

Debra Bowen
SECRETARY OF STATE