
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 29, 2012

Larry Brink, Manager
Arroyo Seco Vineyards Inc., San Martin Winery
12805 Llagas Ave., P.O. Box 1168
San Martin, CA 95046

Dear Mr. Brink:

TENTATIVE ENROLLMENT IN GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WINERIES AND TRANSMITTAL OF MODIFIED MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R3-2008-0018, SAN MARTIN WINERY, SANTA CLARA COUNTY

San Martin Winery is currently enrolled in Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Order No 97-33. The Central Coast Water Board is rescinding this individual order and enrolling San Martin Winery in the general WDR for Winery Waste, Order No. 2008-0018. The waste discharge characterization and handling procedures conducted at San Martin Winery are detailed as follows:

1. The facility is located at 12805 Llagas Avenue, San Martin, Santa Clara County.
2. San Martin Winery produces an average daily wastewater flow of 50,000 gallons per day (gpd) during the non-crush season and 85,000 gpd during the peak processing season. San Martin Winery will not exceed a peak wastewater flow of 150,000 gpd plus generated storm water runoff.
3. Process wastewater and storm water runoff are discharged to on-site evaporation/percolation ponds.
4. Sanitary wastewater is discharged to a separate septic tank and leachfield system regulated by Santa Clara County. Solid Wastes from the wine making process are hauled off by commercial carriers to compost and/or animal feeding facilities.
5. San Martin Winery and its disposal facilities are located on level terrain consisting of gravelly loam soils. Depth to groundwater in the vicinity of the disposal facilities has been measured as shallow as 22 feet.

Based on the waste discharge described above, regulation of the winery process wastewater discharge at San Martin Winery by the General WDRs is appropriate. San Martin Winery must inform Central Coast Water Board staff of changes that may affect the quality or quantity of the waste discharge. Water Board staff will recommend rescission of San Martin Winery's existing WDRs Order No. 97-33, because the General WDRs appropriately regulates the same activities. Enrollment under the General WDRs is contingent on the Central Coast Water Board's rescission of San Martin Winery's existing WDRs Order No. 97-33.

Staff will inform the Central Coast Water Board of the San Martin Winery enrollment into the General WDRs and recommend rescission of your existing WDRs at the January 31, 2013 Central Coast Water Board meeting. If the Water Board agrees with staff's recommendation, enrollment in the General WDR will be effective January 31, 2013. If you would like to attend, the meeting will be at the Central Coast Water Board Offices, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California. Attached is a draft staff report describing the proposed rescission. If you have any comments, please submit them by **December 30, 2012**.

Enrollment under the General WDRs requires San Martin Winery to follow Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. R3-2008-0018. Water Board staff has modified the MRP specifically for San Martin Winery. Please implement the MRP starting January 31, 2013, and submit your first annual monitoring report under the General WDRs by February 1, 2014. For the fourth quarter 2012 reporting, please submit the report pursuant to Order No. 97-33.

We will continue regular inspections of San Martin Winery to ensure enrollment under the General WDRs remains appropriate. If San Martin Winery notably increases the quantity or quality of its discharge, Water Board staff will most likely require an alternative disposal method.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Cecile DeMartini at (805) 542-4782** or by email at cdemartini@waterboards.ca.gov or Chris Adair at (805) 549-3761.

Sincerely,

for
Kenneth A. Harris Jr.
Interim Acting Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R3-2008-0018 (Modified for San Martin Winery).

2. General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste Order
No. R3-2008-0018

cc: (w/ enclosures)

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