



Do you grow Wine Grapes?

Learn how the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule Affects You



Q: What is the Produce Safety Rule?

A: The Rule establishes, for the first time, science-based minimum food safety standards for produce.

Q: Who is affected by the Rule?

A: The Rule applies to produce growers who sell more than \$25,000 in total produce sales, some exemptions apply.

Q: Are there any exemptions for wine grapes?

A: If **all** the wine grapes you grow are processed into wine you are eligible for an exemption from certain requirements of the Produce Safety Rule.



Q: All my grapes are sold for wine production, what do I need to do?

A: You will need to have the following:

- At the point of sale, growers must provide a disclosure in documents accompanying the produce that states the produce is “not processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance”

AND

- Documentation from the processor that includes information on how the produce will be processed and details of how pathogens are killed (i.e. fermenting, cooking, etc.)

Currently, FDA is exercising enforcement discretion for these requirements for wine grapes that are used for wine making.

For more information about this, visit:

<https://www.fda.gov/Food/NewsEvents/ConstituentUpdates/>

Additional Information:

www.coproductsafety.org

www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/

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