

From: [Corey Cleland](#)
To: [Georgia McDaniel](#)
Subject: Use permit UPE17-0053 Bricoleur Vineyards
Date: Friday, January 20, 2023 12:58:42 PM

EXTERNAL

Georgia,

I am writing you about the proposed Use Permit modification to the Bricoleur Vineyards current use permit. While I believe both personally, and as a general contractor to let people do what they want with their own property for the most part, (as long as it does not negatively impact their neighbors or the community). In this case I believe that Bricoleur has already negatively affected our rural neighborhood on Starr Rd. in Windsor. If you are familiar with this area of the county, Starr Rd. is a very narrow, not even a 2 lane that is used by many joggers, cyclists, and dog walkers. Since the opening of Bricoleur to the public the traffic especially on weekends and during special events has increased dramatically. I believe that there is a serious safety concern with putting more vehicle traffic on this road. Starr Rd. is full of blind corners, dips and rises. I as someone who lives on this road (6310) and knows where to expect to come in contact with cyclists and pedestrians and drive with a speed and awareness that is needed to not kill or injure someone, can still get surprised from time to time. It has been my experience in the past couple of years that the people coming and going to this property are not aware of the dangers on this road. Especially given that most if not all will either arrive under the influence or most certainly leave the winery having drank alcohol. Adding more "party" type events is a going to further put people in danger and is not advisable.

It should also be noted where Starr Rd. intersects with Mark West Station Rd. to the south is prone to flooding, I have pulled many of people out of this area over the years. Locals understand flooded roads but those from out of the area certainly do not know when it is safe to cross and drive unaware into deep water, causing engine stalling or worse.

I do not have any objections to construction or to adding staff, I am only objecting to adding more events that would bring in more tourists or others not familiar with the road, especially when those individuals will be under the influence, it is a matter of public safety, especially to those that use Starr Rd. for recreation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: [Paige Scanlan](#)
To: [Georgia McDaniel](#)
Subject: Opposition to Permit Sonoma File No. UPE21-0001
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 2:59:41 PM

EXTERNAL

I live on Starr Road and I am writing on behalf of myself and 4 neighbors, also living on Starr Road, living within the unincorporated area of the town of Windsor and near Bricoleur Vineyards to ask that the existing use permit File No. UPE17-0053 (Bricoleur Vineyards) not be modified.

Additional traffic of both vehicles and people at the Bricoleur Vineyards is going to lead to an accident.

In addition to driving on Starr Road we all have children and grandchildren and often walk and bike as well as walk our dogs on Starr Road.

I have personally had 3 near misses, while walking, with automobiles pulling out of Bricoleur Vineyards tasting room at high speed. Neither slowing down nor looking right or left for traffic or pedestrians.

There is no sidewalk to move onto when this occurs and it has been quite terrifying.

Additionally on countless occasions when in my own car the same thing has occurred. There appears to not be any directional signs such as stop, or left or right turn only when exiting the winery. And for a vehicle traveling on Starr Road there is nowhere to go or to pull over for safety.

And while there are a myriad of lawn size signs posted pointing to the entrance to the Bricoleur Winery they are simply not enough. There is still clear confusion and slamming of brakes as cars maneuver to find the winery entrance either by coming to a full stop or performing a sharp U-turn in the road because the driver has passed the entrance.

This is also extremely dangerous particularly with the sharp blind corner on Starr Road directly across from the Bricoleur property.

Without a dedicated southbound turn lane on Starr Road into Bricoleur Winery, improved proper signage for the winery and an additional employee as a gate attendant at the gate to monitor speed in and out and an awareness of the sobriety of visitors to Bricoleur Winery this use permit should not be modified.

I (we) feel expanding the capacity of event days and increasing the capacity for food and wine pairings would be dangerous and irresponsible and increase the capacity and likelihood for a tragic incident.

Sincerely,

Richard Scanlan

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From: [Michael Haney](#)
To: [Georgia McDaniel](#); [Scott Orr](#)
Cc: [Tennis Wick](#)
Subject: Bricoleur
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:20:36 AM

Good Morning Georgia and Scott!

Hope you are having a good week.

I'm writing to you this morning to express my and Sonoma County Vintners support for the expansion of Bricoleur Vineyards business. What the Hanson family and Bricoleur Vineyards have done for Windsor, as well as Sonoma County has been inspiring and truly beneficial to so many.

Bricoleur Vineyards is offering unique wine & food experiences that many people in Sonoma County, as well as tourists from across the country have enjoyed and found to be educational.

In addition to these thoughtful and excellent experiences, Bricoleur and the Hanson family have supported and hosted many charity fund-raisers for not only our Sonoma County Vintner Foundation and related beneficiaries, but for non profit organizations all across Sonoma County. Their efforts have resulted in thousands of dollars in much needed support revenues being generated for our nonprofit community! Many of these I personally have attended and enjoyed.

While SCV has not heard of any negative issues pertaining to Bricoleur Vineyards since their opening in 2020, we have heard from many organizations and individuals thanking Bricoleur and the Hanson family for their amazing generosity and support for our County.

It is our hope that Bricoluer's request is approved.

Thank you again for your time and as always, please let me know if I and SCV can be of any assistance.

Have a great day!

Mike

Michael Haney

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Sonoma County Vintners

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From: [Amy Hunsberger](#)
To: [Georgia McDaniel](#)
Subject: Bricoleur Vineyards UPE21-0001
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12:08:56 PM

EXTERNAL

Jan 24, 2023

Dear County of Sonoma, Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning

We are neighbors of Bricoleur Vineyards, with our principal residence at 1820 Amber Ridge Way in Windsor. We live less than one mile from the Bricoleur property, and have watched over several years as the grounds and structures were beautifully vtransformed, while retaining a solid local sensibility. We also watched with some concern as the winery opened shortly before the pandemic. It turns out we needn't have worried.

Bricoleur has continued to innovate and elevate our local wine and food experiences with their unique offerings, and we love to visit with locals and friends from out of town. But equally important—the organization and family have quickly made their mark as valued members of our community. We are very involved in Sonoma County, serving on several non-profit boards and working closely with several others. We have witnessed first hand all that this winery has done for Windsor and Sonoma County over the past several years— including during some unprecedentedly lean times for all local businesses. The Bricoleur organization and family are very involved and supportive of local charities, not only as generous donors, but opening their facility to host several events, helping to raise funds to support vital local services.

Important to your consideration, we have not heard any neighbor complaints about noise, traffic, or otherwise, regarding Bricoleur Vineyards; and we have no such complaints ourselves. I am fully in support of Bricoleur Vineyards expanding the number of events they can host on their property. I have no doubt this will benefit our community. I respectfully request that you approve the Use Permit expansion for UPE21-001.

Sincerely,

Amy Hunsberger
1820 Amber Ridge Way
Windsor, CA 95492

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Georgia McDaniel Phone call with Marla Bedrosian on 1-24-2023

Ms. Bedrosian expressed concern with big party buses (like Pure Luxury) 34 seaters on narrow, poorly maintained road with potholes causing flat tires. There have been near misses for people walking along Starr Road. She would like to see the road maintained in better condition.

From: [Christopher Hunsberger](#)
To: [Georgia McDaniel](#)
Subject: Use Permit Expansion UPE21-0001
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:55:19 AM

January 23, 2023

County of Sonoma – Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning

We are a neighbor of Bricoleur Vineyards living at 1820 Amber Ridge Way in Windsor, less than 1 mile away from their property. We have watched the construction and opening of this winery over that last few years seeing what it has done for our local community. Bricoleur is offering some unique wine & food experiences which has been very good for Windsor and Sonoma County. The organization and family are very supportive of the community by participating in many local charity events as well as hosting a number of charity events which have helped raise critical donations for these organizations.

I have not heard of any neighbor noise, traffic or any other complaints or issues pertaining to Bricoleur Vineyards. I am fully supportive of Bricoleur Vineyards expanding the number of events that they can host on their property which will be good for the community. Please approve their Use Permit expansion for UPE21-0001.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hunsberger

1820 Amber Ridge Way

Windsor, CA 95492

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January 24, 2023

County of Sonoma-Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning
2550 Ventura Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 9540

To the County of Sonoma – Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning:

I am the Executive Director of Russian River Valley Winegrowers and I'm writing to you to voice our organization's support of the expansion of Bricoleur Vineyards. The Hansons and Bricoleur Vineyards are excellent community members of the town of Windsor and are exemplary representatives of the wine industry in Sonoma County as a whole. Bricoleur Vineyards offers some unique wine & food experiences many locals in Sonoma County, as well as tourists, have come to enjoy. The organization and family have hosted several wine industry engagements on their property, including our annual Russian River Paulée Dinner in 2021, as well as numerous philanthropic events, all of which are good community building blocks. I feel their winery has been established with a mission to give back to the community as their generosity has been apparent since their doors have opened.

I have not heard of any negative issues pertaining to Bricoleur Vineyards since their opening in 2020. I fully recommend the approval of their Use Permit expansion for UPE21-0001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesslyn Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jesslyn Jackson
Executive Director
Russian River Valley Winegrowers

From: [Wendy Quinn](#)
To: [Georgia McDaniel](#)
Subject: Bricouler Vineyards
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:49:04 AM

January 24, 2023

County of Sonoma – Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning

I have been a neighbor of Bricoleur Vineyards living across the street from the property at 7395 Starr Road for many years. What the Hanson's and Bricoleur Vineyards have done for Windsor and Sonoma County has appreciated by the local community. Of course, the construction was noisy for awhile, but have not had any issues of complaints since their opening. I rarely hear any noise at all from their daily visitors or events. Bricoleur is offering some unique wine & food experiences which neighbors and other locals from Windsor and Sonoma County have really enjoyed. The organization and family have hosted a number of charity events which have helped raise critical donations for these organizations, many of which I have attended myself.

I have not heard of any neighbor noise, traffic or any other complaints or issues pertaining to Bricoleur Vineyards since their opening in 2020. I fully recommend the approval of their Use Permit expansion for UPE21-0001.

Sincerely,

Wendy Quinn
7395 Starr Road
Windsor, CA 95492

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To: [Georgia McDaniel](#)
Subject: Bricoleur Vineyards use permit UPE21-00001
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:11:43 PM

January 24, 2023

County of Sonoma – Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning

My husband and I live just down the road from Bricoleur Vineyards at [1820 Amber Ridge Way](#) in Windsor. We have seen the construction and opening of this winery over the last few years, and had the pleasure of visiting many times since they opened. We are also aware of all that Bricoleur is doing for our local community, including hosting several open community events and charitable fund-raisers. We believe Bricoleur's improved property, wine and food experiences, community events, and community involvement have been very good additions to this corner of Windsor and Sonoma County in general. We have also found them to be good neighbors. We have no complaints as far as noise or traffic, and in fact haven't noticed any increase in either. We also haven't heard of any complaints from our other neighbors. We are happy to have such a beautiful property just down the road, and are fully in support of allowing Bricoleur Vineyards to expand the number of events they can hold. Please approve their Use Permit expansion for UPE 21-0001.

Sincerely,

Kay Vick

1820 Amber Ridge Way, Windsor, 95492

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From: [TIMOTHY OXFORD](#)
To: [Georgia McDaniel](#); [Scott Orr](#)
Cc: mark@bricoleurvineyards.com; [TIMOTHY OXFORD](#)
Subject: County of Sonoma – Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 9:19:07 AM

January 25, 2023

County of Sonoma – Permit Sonoma & Board of Zoning

I am a neighbor of Bricoleur Vineyards living at 8426 Starr Road in Windsor, less than 1 mile away from their property. The opening of this winery in 2020 has been good for our local community. Many of my neighbors enjoy visiting Bricoleur Vineyards to enjoy some of their unique wine & food experiences. The organization and family have hosted a number of charity events which have helped raise critical donations for these organizations, some of which I have attended.

I have not heard of any neighbor complaints pertaining to Bricoleur Vineyards. Please approve their Use Permit expansion for UPE21-0001 which will be good for our community.

Sincerely,

Tim Oxford

8426 Starr Road

Windsor, CA 95492

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