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ABC Suspends Winery License in Mendocino County *Testa Vineyards License is Suspended for 30 Days*

(Ukiah, CA) – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) posted a 30 day Notice of Suspension today at the Testa Vineyards in Ukiah for violating alcoholic beverage control laws. In mid-September 2013, the ABC Santa Rosa District Office received an official police report from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office regarding an incident that took place at Testa Vineyards in Ukiah on September 8, 2013.

After responding to the winery location for a call for service, the responding Sheriff's deputy was met by a co-owner who was found to be highly intoxicated and was demanding the deputy leave the property. The owner resisted arrest and also committed battery against the responding deputy, forcing him to call for assistance from surrounding law enforcement agencies to deal with the hostile and intoxicated licensee, hostile patrons, and escalating circumstances. At least one patron on the premises was also found to be intoxicated.

The owners stipulated to the violations alleged by the Department. On December 3, 2013, the Department adopted the decision to suspend the license and place the licensed business on probation for two years. If during the two-year period additional cause for discipline arises, the license could be revoked permanently.

Testa Vineyards cannot sell or serve alcoholic beverages for the 30-day suspension period that began on December 12, 2013.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

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