Grape Times Wine Bar and Bistro 4469 Railroad Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566

General Business Description

The property is located in downtown Pleasanton one street South of Main. The surrounding businesses are Meadowlark Dairy, Round Table Pizza, and the Firehouse Performing Art Center. The previous business at this location was the San Francisco Cigar Company.

The business I am proposing is a Wine Bar and Bistro with the emphasis on serving local, premium wines. We will also be offering small plate appetizers, desserts, and espresso. It will be an upscale venue for small after work gatherings, business meetings, patrons of the Firehouse Art Center, Friday night concerts in the park and the many other annual events at Wayside Park on First Street. We would also be available for Chamber of Commerce mixers and Pleasanton Downtown Association events.

This business would complement the surrounding businesses and is consistent with the downtown area plan. The new wine bar will also help support downtown vitality as it relates to businesses located off of Main Street.

The space is approximately 1100 square feet. A small patio will be defined with fencing in the front and will seat 12. We estimate that the space will hold 30-40 seats including the patio. We plan to have two employees during business hours. There will be no commercial kitchen and no hot food prepared on-site. The hours of operation would be 11am-midnight seven days a week.

A draft of the menu is attached. I have also included a copy of my personal and professional bio.

DRAFT

Soup of the Day

Sandwich of the Day

Seasonal Salad

Heirloom tomato, basil, goat cheese, balsamic dressing

Thai Beef Salad

Grilled beef, romaine, radish, green onion, lime ginger dressing

Grilled Chicken Salad

Grilled Chicken, Bibb Lettuce, Blanched Green Beans, Tomato, Grilled Mushrooms, Almonds, Red Wine Vinegar Dressing

Olive Dish

Our special mixed marinated olives

Spiced Nuts

Housemade sweet and hot spiced pecans

Sliders

Kahlua Pork, Thai Beef, Chicken

Meat and Cheese

All include fresh baguette

Salami and Cheese plate

Hearty sliced salami with three domestic and imported cheeses

Cheese Plate

Three hand selected domestic and imported cheeses

Fruit Plate

Selection of fresh fruit with yogurt dip

Combo Plate

Salami, cheese assortment and fresh fruit for a hearty appetite

Desserts

Seasonal Fruit Crisp

Crème Brulee

Cheesecake

Chocolate Truffle Plate

Donna Flavetta

Personal and Professional Background

PERSONAL

I have lived in the Tri Valley since 1962 and have raised my children Mark and David here. My son Mark is the Vice President of Operations for my business, Elliston Vineyards, Inc. in Sunol, and lives at the winery with his wife and two children. David has worked for the companies I've had over the years and continues to be involved while maintaining a career outside the family businesses. In 2004 I moved to Pleasanton where I currently reside. We have enjoyed a wonderful life here in the Tri-Valley area.

PROFESSIONAL

During my time as a business owner in the Tri-Valley, I have had the pleasure of being involved in many of our community organizations. I have served as the President of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, President of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation, CEO of the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, Corporate Board Member for Valley Care Health System, Board Member of the Wine Institute, as well as serving on the Alameda County Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Having watched much of the growth in our valley, I enjoy being a part of its future. I have made wonderful connections through the years and have learned a great deal from the bright and talented people around me.

EDUCATION

1976-1980 1981-1983 Foothill High School

Chabot College

Business Management

EMPLOYMENT

1984-1992

Preferred Banking Officer, Bank of America

At Bank of America, I found wonderful opportunities for training and advancement. My training consisted of everything from customer service to financial analysis. I made my way through various positions within the company ending my eight-year career as a Preferred Banking Officer working with my own portfolio of clients. I was responsible for helping these clients with investments, loans, and overall portfolio management.

1992-present

President - Elliston Vineyards, Inc.

My family established Elliston Vineyards in 1982 on the property in Sunol where five generations of my family have lived. The business has been providing fine wines, weddings and other special event services for its customers for nearly 29 years. I purchased the Estate and business from my parents 19 years ago and have owned and operated it since then. As President of Elliston Vineyards I am responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company.

2000-2007

President - The Pleasanton Spa

The Pleasanton Spa was added to our group of businesses in July of 2000. In 2003 we moved our operation to a new location going from 2000 sq. ft to 6000 sq. ft. The Spa was sold in November of 2007 to allow me to focus on Elliston Vineyards.

2010-Present

Co-owner of the Sunol Railroad Café

In October of 2010, I opened a small breakfast and lunch café in Sunol. While my partner continued to work his full time position with another company, it was my responsibility to manage the opening of the café. I successfully managed staff hiring and training, advertising and marketing, purchasing, as well as procedures and processes for day to day operations. We covered our opening costs within the first four months and are now showing a profit.

Future

My long time family business is now stabilized and rapidly moving forward. The new café has a well trained staff and the processes are in place to easily manage the day to day operations. I now look forward to continuing my family's history of entrepreneurism with the next project.

Grape Times Wine List (Sample)

Whites

Half Glass Bottle

2006 Pinot Gris

Elliston

Range \$6-\$17

2009 Chardonnay

Bent Creek

2009 White Blend

Ruby Hill

2010 Riesling

Fenestra

Reds

2008 Pinot Noir

Cooked Vine

2008 Merlot

Stony Ridge

2008 Cab Sauv Res

Nottingham Cellars

2001 Cab Franc

Elliston

2007 Petit Sirah Res Concannon

2009 Red Blend

Ruby Hill

Ports (3oz)

White Chocolate Port

Westover

California Reserve Port

Westover

Champagne (by the bottle)

NV Champagne

Elliston

<u>Flights</u>

Doug's Whites - Elliston, Bent Creek, Ruby Hill

Doug's Reds - Crooked Vine, Stony Ridge, Nottingham Cellars

California Flight – Sonoma Wine, Central Coast, Sierra Foothills TBD (These wines will be from outside the Livermore region and hand selected)

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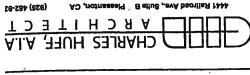
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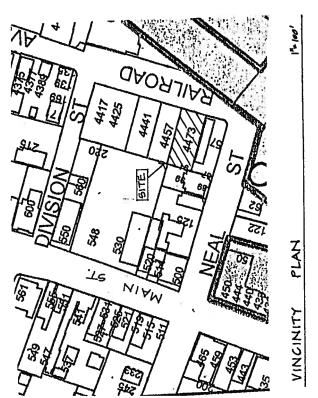
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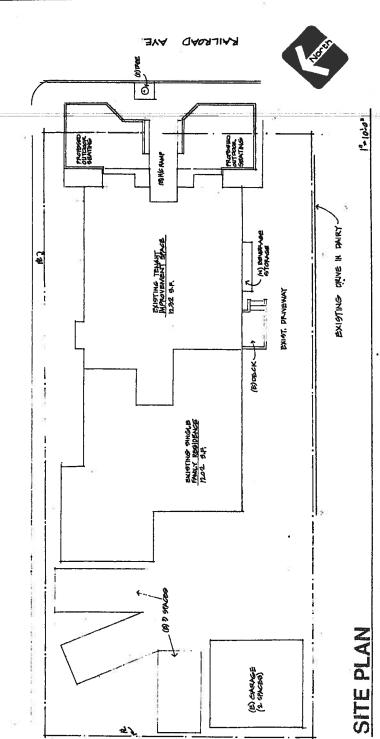
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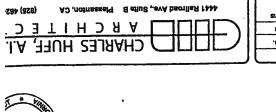
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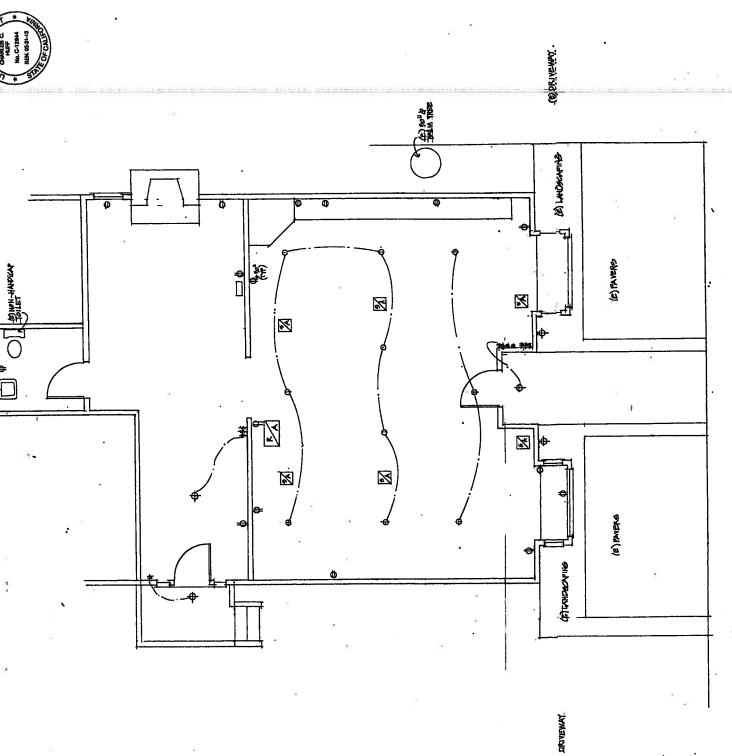
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