

Craft Winery Development Act

CHAPTER 66.04 RCW

DEFINITIONS

(11a) "Craft wine" means the product fermented at a craft winery and regulated as wine by the federal Tax and Trade Bureau under 27 CFR Part 4.

(11b) "Craft winery" means a facility described in a federal basic permit as a bonded winery or bonded wine cellar and producing from zero to 250,000 gallons, inclusively, in any calendar year, alone or in combination with other facilities required to be aggregated under federal law for purposes of the small producer tax credit. [Based on federal small producer full tax credit cutoff.]

(42) (a) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage, other than craft wine, obtained by fermentation of fruits (grapes, berries, apples, et cetera) or other agricultural product containing sugar, to which any saccharine substances may have been added before, during or after fermentation, and containing not more than twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume, including sweet wines fortified with wine spirits, such as port, sherry, muscatel and angelica, not exceeding twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume and not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume. For purposes of this title, any beverage other than craft wine containing no more than fourteen percent of alcohol by volume when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer shall be referred to as "table wine," and any beverage containing alcohol in an amount more than fourteen percent by volume when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer shall be referred to as "fortified wine." However, "fortified wine" shall not include: (i) Wines that are both sealed or capped by cork closure and aged two years or more; and (ii) wines that contain more than fourteen percent alcohol by volume solely as a result of the natural fermentation process and that have not been produced with the addition of wine spirits, brandy, or alcohol.

RCW 66.24.175 Craft winery license—Qualifications and requirements—Fee

- (1) There shall be a license for a craft winery; fee to be one hundred dollars per year.
- (2) A craft winery licensed under this section may do all things necessary and convenient for the manufacture, distribution and sale of craft wine,

subject to compliance with the general antitrust laws and the general commercial laws of sales. The craft winery license does not exempt the holder from compliance with any other title of this code.

- (3) Craft wine is deemed wine for the purposes of RCW 66.12.020, 66.12.180, 66.16, 66.20.300-350, 66.24.185, 66.24.210, 66.32, 66.36, and 66.44 and is not "wine" or "liquor" for any other purpose under this title.
- (4) Craft wine is deemed wine for the purposes of license privileges of retail licensees, importer licensees, and wine distributor licensees, other than craft wineries, and for the purposes of conduct of retail and wholesale licensed premises other than craft winery premises, except that craft wine is not wine for the purposes of RCW 66.28.170 and 180.