

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

California's exceptional wines are world-famous in quality, history and taste. Since the 1700s, when Spanish missionaries introduced wine grapes to California, our state has grown to become one of the largest and most successful wine producing regions in the world.

The Golden State's 2,700 wineries and 4,600 grape-growers fuel a \$20 billion industry, create thousands of jobs and attract tourists from near and far. California's wine producers are also the foremost experts in their field. They use innovative and environmentally friendly techniques and follow the Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Practices to preserve our natural resources and ensure that our wine regions will flourish for our future generations to cultivate and enjoy.

This month, we celebrate the success of our wine industry and applaud the many accomplishments of our winemakers and grape growers. They have worked very hard to create a proud tradition in our state. Every bottle of California wine served across the globe reflects our excellence and serves as an ambassador for our fantastic lifestyle, cuisine and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as "California Wine Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 12th day of May 2008.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State

