

Q What is a Limited Winery?

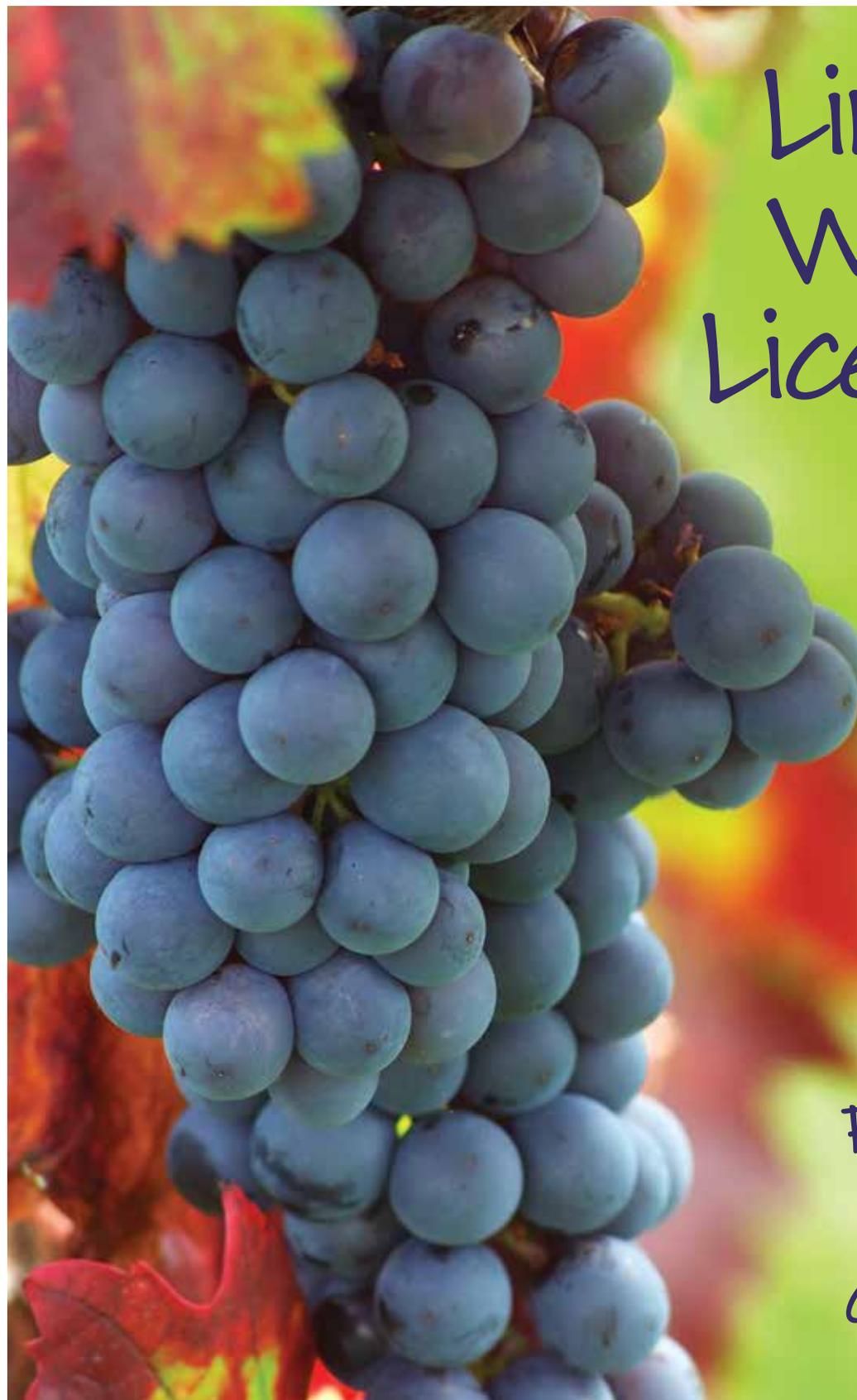
A A winery that produces less than 200,000 gallons per year of alcoholic ciders, wine or wine coolers.

Q How do I apply for a Limited Winery License?

A Complete and file Form PLCB-1350. There is a \$700.00 filing fee and a \$385.00 license fee which is pro-rated. The form can be downloaded from the PLCB website at www.lcb.state.pa.us or you may call the Information Center at (717) 783-8250 and ask that the form be mailed to you.

Q Does the Board set operation hours for Limited Wineries?

A Act 239 of 2004 states that limited wineries may be open from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. any day of the week. The Board will entertain requests from limited wineries to extend sales hours in certain locations at other times during the year or beyond the set limits. A detailed letter needs to be submitted to the Office of Chief Counsel detailing the location, proposed hours, dates of extended operation and the reason for the extended hours. The Board will review the request and advise of its decision.



Limited Winery Licenses

The following Information is not intended to cover all requirements and situations involving Limited Winery Licenses but may be helpful in answering some basic questions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q We currently hold a PA Limited Winery License. How do we obtain permission to participate in a wine festival to be held in Pennsylvania? How many festivals a year may we participate in?

A First of all, the "festival" must meet the qualifications of an "alcoholic cider, wine and food exposition." It is an event held indoors or outdoors with the intent of educating those in attendance of the availability, nature and quality of Pennsylvania-produced alcoholic ciders and wines in conjunction with suitable food displays, demonstrations and sales. This does not include farmers markets. You would need to complete an application for a Limited Winery Exposition Permit (PLCB-2318). Applications must be filed at least 30 days in advance of the event. The fee is \$30.00 per day. A permit cannot be used for more than 30 consecutive days and the permits cannot be issued for more than a total of 100 days per calendar year.

Q As a holder of a PA Limited Winery License, can we sell wine by the glass at an upcoming festival?

A As long as you have obtained a Limited Winery Exposition Permit to participate in the event, Act 239 of 2004 now allows you to sell alcoholic cider or wine produced by your limited winery by the glass, by the bottle or in case lots. You may also provide tasting samples of alcoholic ciders or wine in individual portions not exceeding one fluid ounce. Samples at such expositions may be sold or offered free of charge.

Q We would like to set up a kiosk at a local mall over the Christmas holiday to promote the sale of our products. How do we get permission to do so?

A A Limited Winery License is permitted to have 5 additional satellite locations in addition to the main license location. Form PLCB-1685 must be completed and submitted with the required fee of \$220.00. Please allow at least 45 days for processing of your application including the conducting of an investigation of the proposed premises. Each location must have a separate manager and must be enclosed by soundly constructed walls, with controlled points of access and egress which are directly accessible to the public from a public thoroughfare.

Q Can we also offer food on the licensed limited winery premises?

A Act 239 of 2004 allows limited wineries to sell food for consumption on or off the licensed premises and to sell wine and alcoholic ciders by the glass that would otherwise be sold by the bottle.

Q Are there other products that I am allowed to sell on the licensed premises?

A Yes. The Board's Regulations (Title 40, Pennsylvania Code) in Section 1.1.11 allows limited wineries to sell many items, including but not limited to, wine serving and storage accessories, wine publications, and promotional items. Act 239 of 2004 also allows limited wineries to sell wine and liquor-scented candles bought or produced by them. For a complete listing of items that can be sold, refer to Title 40 or our website.

Other Questions?

Send Questions to:
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or visit:
www.lcb.state.pa.us