

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 234 (Aguiar-Curry)

As Introduced August 5, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims the month of September 2026 as California Wine Month, to congratulate and celebrate California's wine community.

Major Provisions

- 1) California wine has been a rich part of the Golden State's economy and culture for more than 250 years, with distinctive and unique attributes. The state's wines play an important role in California's iconic lifestyle, inspired by boundless optimism and endless miles of natural beauty.
- 2) California has long been known for producing top-quality wines, encompassing more than 95% of the country's wine exports.
- 3) California wineries are mainly family-owned businesses, many of which are proudly multigenerational and pass on time-honored traditions while taking advantage of new innovations, producing 81% of America's wine.
- 4) California wine makes significant financial contributions to local communities, the state, and the country by supporting hundreds of thousands of quality jobs, bolstering economies through tourism and taxes, and enhancing communities through environmental stewardship and charitable giving.
- 5) The state's vast wine community includes over 6,200 bonded wineries and 5,900 winegrape growers, with winegrapes grown on 590,000 acres across 49 of the state's 58 counties. The state is proud to boast 154 American Viticultural Areas (AVAs), showcasing the state's diverse terroir and supporting nearly every kind of grape.
- 6) More than 100 wine varieties can be found across California, thanks to the state's diverse terroir, which provides a perfect place to grow nearly every kind of grape. With this variety, California winemakers have the latitude to create complex single varietal wines, as well as interesting and expressive blends.
- 7) With the most comprehensive and widely adopted sustainability programs in the world, 90% of California wine is made in certified sustainable wineries, and 70% of the state's vineyard acreage is certified sustainable.
- 8) The dedication of California wineries to sustainability is reflected in their approach to producing wine with commitment, collaboration, innovation, investment, and leadership, all of which help to secure the future of the wine community for generations to come.
- 9) Pairing perfectly with the Golden State's bounty of fresh, California-grown produce and inventive cuisine, as well as with food from around the world, California wines are made for connecting with family and friends over conversations, shared meals, and celebrations.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

California's wine industry is a vital part of the state's economy, agricultural heritage, and global reputation. Declaring September 2026 as California Wine Month recognizes the industry's significant economic and cultural contributions and celebrates the growers, vintners, and communities that make California the nation's leading wine-producing state.

Arguments in Support

The Wine Institute writes in support: "In September 2026, California's wine community will celebrate its annual California Wine Month, honoring 250 years of being a rich and valuable part of the Golden State's economy and culture. California win makes a significant contribution to the state and the country by providing hundreds of thousands of quality jobs, bolstering economies through tourism and taxes, and enhancing communities through environmental stewardship and charitable giving."

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES**ASM RULES: 8-0-2**

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez, Arambula

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