

## Agritourism Advisory Group DRAFT

Yakima County Code  
Chapter 19.18 SPECIAL USES AND STANDARDS

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##### 3 **19.18.500 Wineries, Breweries, and Distilleries.**

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5 (1) Legislative Intent. Wineries, Breweries (micro), and Distilleries (micro) (WB&Ds), as  
6 defined in Section 19.01.070 and allowed under RCW 36.70A.177, and accessory sales of  
7 items promoting the WB&D operation. Therefore, WB&D are subject to the following  
8 minimum requirements.

9 (2) The WB&D may include the following:

10 (a) Tasting rooms. Tasting rooms located on a farm shall be a subordinate element of the  
11 operation of an ongoing agricultural activity as defined by RCW 84.34.020(2).

12 (b) Industry events. There are 5 (five) industry events that are held each year that  
13 contribute to the economic development of the County. These industry/signature events are  
14 considered a regular part of business practice for a WB&D and will not require an additional  
15 event permit. These industry/signature events are Red Wine and Chocolate, Spring Barrel  
16 Wine Tasting, Catch the Crush, Craft Beverage Walk, and Thanksgiving in Wine Country.

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17 (c) Special events. Events not related to the operational and marketing aspects of a  
18 WB&D such as weddings, receptions, meetings, retreats, and outdoor festivals, and are  
19 anticipated to have over 100 attendees, will require a one-time special event permit (per  
20 event) as set forth in YCC Title 8.10. These special events shall be sized and conditioned  
21 consistent with the character of permitted activities and uses. The Reviewing Official shall  
22 place a limit on the number of occupants or size of indoor and outdoor events allowed.  
23 Capacity is limited by building occupancy and parking limitations.

**Commented [OS2]:** Kent - No ATO acreage minimum, but allow WB&D events to hold up to 100 attendees at a time without requiring an event permit.

Pepper – Same as Kent

Sonny – Same as Kent

Sarah – Same as Kent

24 (3) General Requirements. All types of WB&D shall:

25 (a) Be consistent with the intent of this Section;  
26 (b) Comply with specific provisions applicable to the type of winery, brewery, or  
27 distillery in this Section;

28 (c) Be subject to, and limited by the appropriate licensing standards of State's Liquor  
29 Control Board and the Yakima Health District when limited food service and handling is  
30 required; and

31 (d) Have adequate access from a county road consistent with the standards under Chapter  
32 19.23. WB&Ds that share a private road must submit a road maintenance agreement at the  
33 time of application signed by all legal property owners or their designees. Without the road  
34 maintenance agreement, the application will be considered incomplete; and

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1       (e) Provide sufficient detail with applications proposing phased development of a WB&D  
2       to enable the County, agencies, and adjoining property owners to consider all aspects of the  
3       project at full build-out. Changes to an approved WB&D that result in new uses that were  
4       not considered in the original approval are subject to the level of review for the requested  
5       change.

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