

340A.419 WINE TASTINGS CONDUCTED BY EXCLUSIVE LIQUOR STORE.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, a "wine tasting" is an event of not more than four hours' duration at which persons pay a fee to participate and are allowed to consume wine by the glass without paying a separate charge for each glass.

Subd. 2. **Tastings.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may conduct a wine tasting on the premises of a holder of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license that is not a temporary license or on the premises of a holder of a wine license under section 340A.404, subdivision 5, if the exclusive liquor store complies with this section.

(b) No wine at a wine tasting under this section may be sold for off-premises consumption. A participant in the tasting may fill out a form indicating preferences for wine. The form may be held on the premises of the exclusive liquor store to assist the participant in making an off-sale purchase at a later date.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may purchase or otherwise obtain wine for a wine tasting conducted under this section from a wholesaler licensed to sell wine. The wholesaler may sell or give wine to an exclusive liquor store for a wine tasting conducted under this section and may provide personnel to assist in the wine tasting.

(d) An exclusive liquor store that conducts a wine tasting under this section must use any fees collected from participants in the tasting only to defray the cost of conducting the tasting.

(e) Notwithstanding section 340A.409, subdivision 4, the premises on which a wine tasting is conducted must be insured as required by section 340A.409, subdivision 1.

History: 2000 c 440 s 5; 2009 c 120 s 12