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**Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position**

Applicants appointed by the Board of Supervisors will be required to take an oath of office. All applications will be kept on file for one year from the date of application.

**Public Records Act**

Applications are public records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

**Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code**

[California Fair Political Practices Website](#)

Please note that appointees may be required by state law and county conflict of interest code to file financial disclosure statements.

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Napa County Winegrape Pest & Disease Control District Board of Directors: Submitted

**Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying**

Board of Directors

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**Profile**

William

First Name

A

Middle  
Initial

Thomas

Last Name

  
Email Address

  
Home Address

Suite or Apt

Napa

City

CA

State

94558

Postal Code

**Which supervisorial district do you reside in? \***

☒ District 2

To find your supervisorial district go to <https://www.countyofnapa.org/1334/About-the-Board>, click on "Look Up My District" and enter your address.

  
Primary Phone

William A Thomas

Foley Family Farms

Employer

Director of Napa and Lake  
County Winegrowing

Job Title

Viticulturist

Occupation

## Education/Experience

2009 - BS (UC Davis), Viticulture & Enology 2011 - MS (UC Davis), Horticulture & Agronomy  
2015 - MBA (Sonoma State), Wine Executive Program

## Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married. (For conflict of Interest purposes)

Nicole Thomas, wholesale food distribution

## Resume

[Will\\_Thomas\\_Resume\\_Jun\\_2025.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

[NCWPDCD\\_Board\\_Letter\\_2025.pdf](#)

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental  
Attachments

## Professional or occupational license, date of issue, and expiration including status

Pest Control Adviser #131115 (ABE) - Issued 2/28/24, exp 12/31/25

## References: Provide names and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

Lise Asimont - [REDACTED] s - [REDACTED] Dr. Daniel Roberts - [REDACTED]  
Dr. Andy Walker (retired) - [REDACTED]

## Community Participation

### Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute.

Ultimately, my desire to serve on this board again comes from a lifetime rooted in Napa Valley. Having worked in the wine industry for nearly twenty-five years, I believe the next twenty-five years will be incredibly challenging for growers and winemakers as we fend off new invasive pests or ones that are already established. I'd be honored to continue applying my knowledge and experience to help protect both the present and future of agriculture in Napa Valley.

## Nature of activity and community location

## Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served

NCWPDCD Board, 2020-2022 Sonoma County Vineyard Technical Group Board, 2014-2019

**Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating (List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years)**

None.

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## **Electronic Signature Agreement**

**I meet the criteria required to serve in this position.**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.**

☒ Yes ☐ No

## **Please Agree with the Following Statement**

**By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.**

☒ I Agree

## **Electronic Signature (First M. Last)**

William A. Thomas

## **Date**

6/12/2025



# **WILLIAM A. THOMAS**

██████████, Napa, CA 94558  
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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **DIRECTOR OF WINEGROWING, NAPA & LAKE COUNTIES**

**Jul 2022-Present**

#### **Foley Family Farms, Napa, CA**

Full operational, financial, and logistical control and responsibility for up to one thousand one hundred seventy-nine planted acres covering the full range of quality and bottle price tiers. Farmed to or below budget, coordinated delivery of fruit to five wineries in two counties. Conducted internal research on heat mitigation techniques, followed by sensory.

### **DIRECTOR OF WINEGROWING**

**Jan 2020-May 2022**

#### **Lawrence Wine Estates, St. Helena, CA**

Immediate viticultural shifts to resolve and improve wine quality; optimized and increased berry phenolic production, managed intake acid ratios through cultural practices. Forensic financial analysis of farming costs, created simplified vineyard costing logic/mapping. Built planning tools, budgets and farm plans allocating fruit from six hundred acres of organically and biodynamically certified estate vineyards to five winemakers (seven brands) across Napa Valley.

### **VITICULTURIST, LYTTON SPRINGS**

**Jul 2011-Dec 2019**

#### **Ridge Vineyards, Healdsburg, CA**

Responsible for 350 acres of estate vineyards, including recordkeeping for organic and sustainability certifications, hiring and management of seasonal interns, supervision of vineyard management crews, creation and implementation of farming plans/budgets, pest control/spray programs, harvest logistics and field QC. Designed experiments and analyzed fruit outcome/blend data to improve techniques and wine quality, all in collaboration with winemaking teams. Oversaw successful transition to night picking, developed enhanced yield estimate and petiole sampling techniques, created an internal "report card" for blocks using historical performance and harvest data.

### **HARVEST INTERN**

**Aug 2010-Dec 2010**

#### **Vineyard 29, St. Helena, CA**

Contributed on a 7-person team to the production of elite Napa Valley Cabernet-based wines by performing all standard harvest operations at the highest level of care, quality and detail.

### **GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER**

**Feb 2008-Sept 2010**

#### **Walker Lab, UC Davis, Davis, CA**

Conducted multiple experiments for Master's thesis exploring salt-tolerant behavior in grapevines, after transitioning from undergraduate research assistant in 2009. Established a rapid, cost-effective assay that produces consistent results. Designed and constructed a greenhouse automated irrigation system for future salinity research. Participated in large scale grape breeding projects on Pierce's Disease and Fanleaf virus resistance.

### **VITICULTURAL TECHNICIAN**

**May 2005-Mar 2007**

#### **Integrated Wine Growing/Vinifera Technologies, Sebastopol, CA**

Responsible for scheduling and sampling tissue for analysis in accordance with winemaker recommendations. Worked closely with winemakers to achieve desired fruit quality. Measured water stress and compiled vigorous site notes.

### **CELLAR WORKER**

**Aug 2001-Jan 2003**

#### **Merryvale Winery, St. Helena, CA**

Carried out all harvest and post-harvest cellar operations: pumpovers, racking, pressing, tank additions, barrel stacking, forklift operation and bottling. Responsible for drain sanitation, organization of equipment storage area.



# WILLIAM A. THOMAS

## EDUCATION

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY: M.B.A. – Wine Business (Executive Program)	Fall 2015
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS: M.S. – Viticulture (Horticulture & Agronomy)	Spring 2011
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS: B.S. – Viticulture and Enology	Spring 2009

## SKILLS

- Fully versed in Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, Outlook, Access, PowerPoint, Business Central
- Skilled use of AgCode software – web portal, tablet, desktop
- Capable user of Winemaker's Database, VinTrace
- Effective Spanish capabilities, basic knowledge of French

## PUBLICATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

- [American Journal of Enology and Viticulture 64:2, 241-250, \(2013\)](#)
  - Cultural Conditions and Propagule Type Influence Relative Chloride Exclusion in Grapevine Rootstocks
  - Co-authors with Dr. Kevin Fort, Dr. Kristin Lowe, Dr. Andy Walker
- [Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture 104:1, 352-361 \(2023\)](#)
  - Effect of applied shading during fruit ripening on tannin structure-activity relationships of grape skin extracts
  - Co-authors with Dr. James Kennedy, Dr. James Campbell, Dr. Andrew Waterhouse
- [Wines & Vines, July 2014, pp 70-73](#)
  - Effect of Lag Phase Thinning on Zinfandel
  - Co-authors with Dr. James Kennedy, David Gates, Nicolas Brunier, Matthew Revelette
- Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District – Board of Directors 2020-2022
- American Vineyard Foundation Cultural Practices Review Committee 2015-Present
- Sonoma County Vineyard Technical Group – Board of Directors 2014-2019
- Fruition Sciences Vintage Report Innovation Award Winner 2014
  - Only 3-time finalist in the history of the award
  - Invited speaker at [2018 Sonoma Vintage Report](#)
- Invited speaker at Wine Business Innovation + Quality conference
  - 2015: Use of Emerging Technology for Water Use Optimization
  - 2016: Innovations in Vineyard Mapping
- Presented at Zinfandel Advocates and Producers
  - 2013: Historic Vineyard Society private session – *Mapping of Century Old Field Blends*
  - 2016: California Great Growth Vineyards – *Lytton Springs*
- Unified Grape & Wine Symposium TED Talk, 2019 – [Technology in Vineyards](#)
- Guest lecturer at UC Davis, Fresno State University, Santa Rosa Junior College, Napa Valley College
- Agricultural Pest Control Adviser 2013-Present
  - Weeds, plant pathology, invertebrates.

Foley Family Farms  
10300 Chalk Hill Road  
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June 12, 2025

Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District  
1195 Third Street  
Suite 310  
Napa, CA 94559

Dear District Board Members,

Foley Family Farms would like to designate Will Thomas as our representative to serve on the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District Board. We firmly believe in giving back to the community and would like to see Will serve on the NCWPDCD Board in his previous capacity. His experience, demeanor, and ties to the area would continue to benefit Napa Valley.

Thank you,

Lise Asimont

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lise Asimont". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lise" being more prominent and the last name "Asimont" written in a more compact, flowing style.

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