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Dear Sirs:

I have been a grape grower in the area covered by the application since 1985. I have seen a gradually escalating interest in the grapes grown in this area and today they are in high demand. Winemakers seem to be in general agreement that this is about the coolest region in the Napa Valley in which Cabernet Sauvignon will ripen and they like the resulting uniqueness of the fruit. Carneros, the AVA immediately to the south of the proposed Tulocay AVA, is generally felt to be too cool for that varietal, and the AVAs to the north grow increasingly warm as one move up the valley. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir also flourish in the relatively cool climate. It appears to me that Tulocay constitutes a truly unique grape growing region, and one that may one day be widely recognized as the source of many very fine wines. I whole-heartedly support the Tulocay AVA application.

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