



# **BIG WINE & BINGE TOURISM COST YOU:**

Groundwater depletion - Winegrapes not irrigated before 1970

Millions of pounds of chemicals used in vineyards each year:

- Sonoma: 2,211,222 (MILLION) pounds in 2014
- Napa: 1,372,525 (MILLION) pounds in 2014 ([cdpr.ca.gov](http://cdpr.ca.gov))

Drinking water quality is polluted with chemical runoff

Cancer rates for kids highest in the state: Napa #1, Sonoma #3 ([kidsdata.org](http://kidsdata.org))

Chemical pollution goes beyond water to air and soil

Lack of diversity & monoculture - Ask the Irish

Deforestation for the land rush - Say NO to coastal pinot

Wildlife corridors fenced off = Habitat diminished for animals

Wineries have more rights than we do - Look at Supervisor approvals

Tourism = Death of local-servicing business

Loss of Mom and Pop stores to tourism-based business

Low wage industries - Need 2 or 3 jobs to stay financially afloat

Hollowing out of our neighborhoods

Communities fragmented by event centers, tasting rooms, vacation rentals in all zoning

Housing becomes an investment instead of *a home*

Unaffordable, high rents and lack of housing

Children and grandchildren move for lack of affordable housing

Safety: Rural roads through neighborhoods get overused because of traffic congestion on regular routes

Roads and infrastructure are crumbling - Taxpayers must pay

High rate of police calls from tourists - Taxpayers must pay

Paralyzing traffic and carbon pollution throughout county

Vineyard workers housing and health risks from chemical exposure

8,000 to 10,000 acres paved over for industrial agriculture production in Sonoma County.

Williamson Act gives wineries tax breaks for *not* paving over ag lands and creating industrial business models in ag zones ... yet the process continues

General Plan 2020 predicted half the wineries we have now; >70 new permits are in the pipeline for rural Sonoma County

**Sign the Petition Now:** <http://WineWaterWatch.org>