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To those that need to know about the use of water on most Sonoma County Vineyards,

Most of the growers in the Russian River Valley area use local ground water only to irrigate our vineyards. We understand that there is a group that thinks that most of the Growers use water directly from the Russian River. This is a mistake on their part. The majority of grapes are grown inland away from the River and we have our own wells with local ground water and large open lands around us. We also use drip irrigation to keep water use to the minimum necessary to grow our vines and harvest our grapes. Hoping this will put a new slant on the info that is coming to the people that will be making the decisions on water usage.

Thanks Floyd Youngs owner La Portecochere Vineyard 2821 Woolsey Road, Windsor, CA. 95492

