PROJECT NARRATIVE:

The project consists of renovating an antique barn to create a multi-functional gathering area: additional tasting room for our estate winery, event gathering for our wine club lecture events, covered location of a "farm to table" catered dining events, private and commercial events. The property on which the barn resides (Tax Map # 055.-03-13.1) will be merged with the property which holds Anyela's Vineyards (Tax Map # 055.-03-13.2). The barn is uniquely positioned adjacent to a block of our vineyards which provides an immediate connection to agriculture and holds historic value in the local community: representing the presence and sustainability of agricultural history. The barn requires some infrastructural enhancement in the basement area to provide a sound and safe foundation to support about 150 occupants (36 x 78' = 2,808 sq ft, @ 15 sq ft/person). In addition, the main floor will require some board replacement and refurbishment. A smooth transition access ramp area will be developed for disabled guests and a 44'x 20' deck on the east side will provide an outside area to enjoy the vineyards. The barn possesses an intimate proximity to our current facility and customer flow. The barn will serve to tie the old and new elements of agriculture. Portable toilets and/or a restroom toilet trailer (depending on the event) will be provided at this time.

The barn will be used seasonally (May-October) and therefore will not require winterization. Currently the barn is used for storage. During the off season (November-April) the barn will continue as a storage area for agriculture equipment.

It is expected the barn usage (May-October) will be similar to that of Anyela's, whereby:

- Special and overflow wine tastings will be performed as needed: 12-5 pm, possibly 2-3 times/week
- Wine club gatherings, special event gatherings (private and commercial): Variable hours but not later than 10pm, possibly 2-3 times/week
- Catered "farm to table" wine pairing events, variable hours but not later than 10 pm, possibly 1-2/month

There will be no additional parking required for this barn beyond that which already exists for Anyela's. Handicapped people can be driven to the barn from Anyela's main entrance, dropped off and the car returned to existing parking lots.

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