



# Guardian Vital:

## POLICY PATHWAYS TO PROTECT VINEYARD WORKERS

Guardian Vital empowers consumers, wine producers, farmers, workers, and the public to engage with and navigate legislation that protects vineyard workers. We advocate for safe working conditions, fair wages, high-road labor standards, and environmentally responsible practices.

**SB 917** Alcoholic beverages: certified farmer's market sales permit  
(Laird)

Expands opportunities for small winemakers to sell wine and offer tasting at certified farmers market.

**SB 1132** Workforce development: workplace rights training  
(Smallwood-Cuevas)

Mandates the creation and statewide distribution of a standard "know-your-rights" curriculum - including specific protections for immigrant workers - to be delivered through California's workforce development and career service centers.

**AB 1600** Disadvantaged communities: farmworker communities  
(Arambula)


Legally redefines farmworker communities as "disadvantaged," unlocking billions in state climate funding to protect them from environmental and economic hazards (extreme heat, wildfire smoke, etc.)


**AB 2646** Agricultural Worker Minimum Wage  
(Krell)


Seeks to raise the minimum hourly wage for "approved agricultural employees" (primarily H-2A workers) and "corresponding employees" to \$19.75, starting Jan. 1, 2027, with annual cost-of-living adjustments.



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**AB 1049** California Food Assistance Program  
(C. Rodriguez)

Modifies the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) by removing the requirement that federal “sponsor-deemed” rules apply, thereby expanding food security for qualifying immigrant populations.

**AB 2227** Farm Labor Contractor Bond Reform  
(Kalra)

This bill reforms California’s farm labor contractor bond, which workers should have access to when their wages are stolen by a farm labor contractor (FLC).



The Vanguard and Líderes Campesinas collaborated on a wine label to draw attention to vineyard workers/stewards. Those who pick grapes are often in the shadows, are subjected to hazardous working conditions, and do not have job security or opportunities for advancement in the wine industry. We invite you to be engaged and join us in protecting farmworkers.

# DID YOU KNOW?

**SB 279 (Composting Infrastructure) passed in 2025**

As of Jan 1, 2026, this law allows vineyards, orchards, and farms of all sizes to produce, use, and sell more of their own compost on-site. It empowers farms of all sizes to move away from synthetic fertilizers by making it easier to produce, use, and sell their own compost on-site, closing the nutrient loop and improving soil health.

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