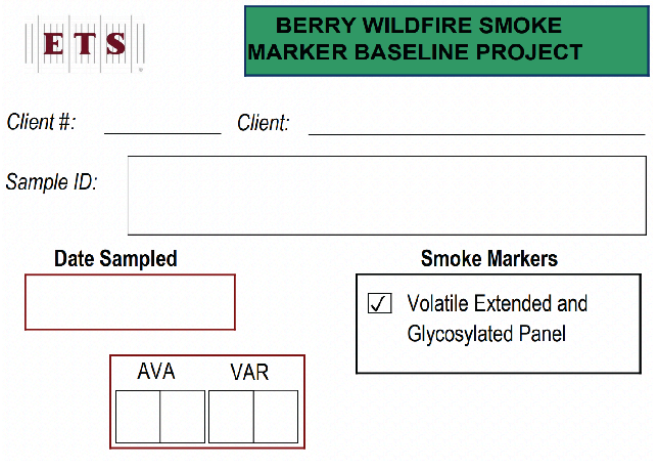
WILDFIRE SMOKE GRAPE BERRIES BASELINE PROJECT

In order to put wildfire smoke impact marker analyses into context, ETS Laboratories has been building a database of naturally occurring concentrations. This 2023 season offers an excellent opportunity to expand this work since major winegrowing regions have, to date, largely been spared from widespread events such as those experienced in 2020. Only with a representative and robust database inclusive of the many varietal and geographic combinations possible can analytical impact data be put in true perspective.

ETS Laboratories is working to encourage sampling for this project by providing analyses at less than cost.

HERE IS AN OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM:

- 200-250 berry representative samples, starting from 18-20 brix
- Submit intact berries with minimal juicing ideally in rigid plastic containers such as disposable “sandwich boxes”
- Analysis will be performed for the extended volatile and glycosylated markers panels
- Fee per sample, only for this project, will be $365
- Each sample will be identified with date sampled, varietal, and AVA data
- Specific labels to identify samples as part of the program and to capture the required information are available directly from ETS or by client printing them from a template which will be made available
- Do not submit samples where any wildfire impact is suspected
- Samples for this project will be accepted until adequate quantities of data are accumulated or the first wildfire events impacting the region occur
- As large number of data for Cabernet Sauvignon have been collected, we encourage our clients to submit samples from other grape varieties, as well.



PROJECT SPECIFIC LABELS ARE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS A TEMPLATE OF THE LABELS READY FOR THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO PRINT THEM THEMSELVES.