



Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE**

To: Wine Tasting Driver LLC  
Attn: Gary Thompson



File: TCP 38791 B  
Date: December 20, 2023  
Citation #: T.23-12-004  
Case #: CSE000006

**VIOLATIONS**

You are hereby cited with having violated section(s) of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred during the period November 7, 2023, through November 15, 2023.

- (1) Advertised as a charter-party carrier without a valid authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code section 5414.5. **[4 counts]**

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

## **RESPONSE**

TEB used the Penalty Assessment Methodology adopted in Resolution M-4846 and considered mitigating and exacerbating factors in setting the fine.

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before January 12 , 2024. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of **\$8,000** pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 5378. (Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the Commission staff will deem the matter closed, **or**
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, **or**
- (3) Contest this Citation by filing an Appeal. See attached document "*How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service for a Citation Appeal.*"

If you fail to respond by January 12, 2024, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the Citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and may be subsequently revoked pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The Commission may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.

*Maria C. Solis*

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Attachments

**TEB Enforcement Analyst:** Eric Ow

**Case No.:** CSE-000006

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

**CARRIER:** Wine Tasting Driver, LLC  
California Secretary of State Entity Number 201627710187- FTB  
Suspended 5/3/2021

**OFFICERS:** Gary Thompson, owner .  
William Miller Jr, owner

**MAILING ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]

**PHONE/EMAIL:** [REDACTED]

**AUTHORITY:** TCP 38791 B - Revoked

**VEHICLES:** 2 SUVs

**PL&PD INSURANCE:** None

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** None

**DRUG CONSORTIUM:** None

## NARRATIVE

On November 7, 2023, I was assigned to investigate Wine Tasting Driver, LLC (hereafter referred to as Wine Tasting Driver) for advertising after revocation.

## HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT

Wine Tasting Driver's enforcement case records show that the carrier has a history of violating the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) charter-party carrier rules and regulations as detailed below:

PSG-5839: On May 24, 2023, Wine Tasting Driver was issued Citation # T.23-05-004 and administratively fined \$6,000 [**Attachment 1**] for advertising charter-party carrier service without authority in violation of the Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 5414.5. The \$6,000 fine was paid in full on November 13, 2023..

PSG-5554: On July 14, 2021, Wine Tasting Driver was issued Citation # T.21-07-001 and administratively fined \$8,000 [**Attachment 2**] because the carrier :

- a. Operated as a charter-party carrier without authority,
- b. Engaged eight (8) employee-drivers without evidence of worker's compensation insurance in effect and on file with the Commission,
- c. Failed to enroll eight (8) drivers in the Department of Motor Vehicle Employer Pull Notice Program,
- d. Failed to enroll eight (8) drivers in a mandatory Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Certification Program for Pre-Employment Testing, and
- e. Advertised as a charter-party carrier without authority.

The \$8,000 fine was paid in full on February 13, 2022.



PSG-4675: On May 25, 2018, Wine Tasting Driver was informed to stop transporting passengers using clients' rental vehicles without authority. No monetary fine was issued for this violation.

PSG-4324: On May 10, 2017, Wine Tasting Driver was issued an Official Notice [Attachment 3] for operating and advertising as a charter-party carrier without authority. No monetary fine was issued with the Official Notice.

## VIOLATIONS

The investigation disclosed Wine Tasting Driver violated the following provisions of the Pub. Util. Code and Commission General Order (G.O.) from November 7, 2023 through November 15, 2023:

- **Advertised as a charter-party carrier after revocation of its authority, in violation of the Pub. Util. Code Section 5414.5. [4 counts]**

Pub. Util. Code Section 5414.5 states "Every corporation or person who knowingly and willfully issues, publishes, or affixes, or causes or permits the issuance, publishing, or affixing, of any oral or written advertisement, broadcast, or other holding out to the public, or any portion thereof, that the corporation or person is in operation as a charter-party carrier of passengers without having a valid certificate or permit issued under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable, if an individual, by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or by both, or, if a corporation, by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000)."

The Transportation License and Analysis Branch (TLAB) database shows Wine Tasting Driver's authority was suspended on June 28, 2021 [Attachment 4] and then revoked on October 20, 2021 [Attachment 5] for failure to pay the quarterly Public Utilities Commission Transportation Reimbursement Account (PUCTRA) fee for 2021. Wine Tasting Driver's authority has never been reinstated.

Wine Tasting Driver continues to advertise its operations without authority on its website, [www.wine-tasting-driver.com](http://www.wine-tasting-driver.com). It also advertises its business on other website

platforms: [www.facebook.com/wintetastingdriver](http://www.facebook.com/wintetastingdriver), [www.yelp.com/biz/wine-tasting-driver-  
napa](http://www.yelp.com/biz/wine-tasting-driver-napa), and [www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g32766-d11963168-Review-  
Wine Tasting Driver-Napa Napa Valley California.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g32766-d11963168-Review-Wine_Tasting_Driver-Napa_Napa_Valley_California.html) [Attachment 6].

A Notice to Cease and Desist Order was emailed to owner Gary Thompson on November 7, 2023 at his email address, [REDACTED] [Attachment 7]. Mr. Thompson acknowledged the email on November 13, 2023 and said the company’s website and all other website platforms will be down no later than Wednesday, November 15, 2023. All internet advertisements have been disabled as of November 15, 2023. **Table 1** and **Attachment 6** show the dates Wine Tasting Driver was advertising without authority.


**TABLE 1: Name of internet platform showing advertising without authority**

Website	Dates of Advertising	Days
<a href="http://www.wine-tasting-driver.com">www.wine-tasting-driver.com</a>	11/7, 11/8, 11/9, 11/13, 11/14	5
<a href="http://www.facebook.com/wintetastingdriver">www.facebook.com/wintetastingdriver</a>	11/7, 11/8, 11/9, 11/13, 11/14	5
<a href="http://www.yelp.com/biz/wine-tasting-driver-&lt;br/&gt;napa">www.yelp.com/biz/wine-tasting-driver- napa</a>	11/7, 11/8, 11/9, 11/13, 11/14	5
<a href="http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-&lt;br/&gt;g32766-d11963168-Review-&lt;br/&gt;Wine_Tasting_Driver-&lt;br/&gt;Napa_Napa_Valley_California.html">www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review- g32766-d11963168-Review- Wine Tasting Driver- Napa Napa Valley California.html</a>	11/7, 11/8, 11/9, 11/13, 11/14	5

**DECLARATION**

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe to be true.

Executed on December 20, 2023  
at San Francisco, California

  
Eric Ow  
Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst IV

## **INDEX OF ATTACHMENTS**

1. Citation # T.23-05-004
2. Citation # T.21-07-001
3. May 10, 2017 Official Notice
4. June 28, 2021 Order of Suspension
5. October 20, 2021 Order of Revocation
6. Advertisements
7. November 7, 2023 Notice to Cease and Desist

# ATTACHMENT 1



Public Utilities Commission  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION  
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Wine Tasting Driver LLC  
Attn: Gary Thompson



File: TCP 38791 (Revoked)

Date: May 24, 2023

Citation#: T.23-05-004

Case #: PSG-5839

**VIOLATION**

You are hereby cited with having violated Section 5414.5 of the Public Utilities Code (PU Code) as described below. This violation occurred during the period from January 21, 2023, through May 18, 2023.

- (1) Wine Tasting Driver LLC (WTD) is willfully advertising charter-party carrier services without a valid charter-party carrier permit (TCP) in violation of PU Code Section 5414.5 [4 counts].**

## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The above violation is documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of substantiating documents.

## **RESPONSE**

Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) used the Penalty Assessment Methodology adopted in Resolution M-4846 and considered mitigating and exacerbating factors in setting the fine.

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before June 13, 2023. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$6,000.00 pursuant to P.U. Code Section 5378. (Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the Commission staff will deem the matter closed, **or**
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, **or**
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If you fail to respond by June 13, 2023, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the citation. The Commission may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.

*Rahmon Momoh*

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# ATTACHMENT 2



**Public Utilities Commission**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION  
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE**

To: Wine Tasting Driver, LLC  
[REDACTED]

File: TCP 38791 B

Date: July 14, 2021

Citation #: T.21-07-001

Case #: PSG - 5554

**VIOLATIONS**

You are hereby cited with having violated sections of the Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) and California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred during the period March 1, 2021 to present date:

- (1) Operated as a charter-party carrier during a period of suspension in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379 [4 counts];**
- (2) Engaged eight (8) employee-drivers without evidence of workers compensation insurance in effect and on file with the Commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5378.1 [8 counts];**
- (3) Failed to enroll eight (8) drivers in the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Employer Pull Notice (EPN) Program in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374(a)(1)(D), G.O. 157-E Part 5.02, and the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 1808.1 [8 counts];**
- (4) Failed to enroll eight (8) drivers in a mandatory Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Certification Program for Pre-Employment Testing in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374 (a)(1)(I) and G.O. 157-E [8 counts]; and**
- (5) Advertised as a charter-party carrier without having a valid operating authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5414.5 and pursuant to Pub. Util. Code 5360 continued to advertise as a designated driver service using client's rental vehicles [2 counts].**



## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The above violations are documented in the attached investigator's summary report, which consists of carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

## **RESPONSE**

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before August 3, 2021.

By way of such answer you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$8,000 pursuant to Pub. Util. Code section 5378. (Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Compliance Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the Commission staff will deem the matter closed.) **or**
- (2) Contest this citation by filing an appeal. See attached document "*How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service for a Citation Appeal.*"

If you fail to respond within the 20 calendar days, you will be in default of the citation and will have forfeited your right to appeal the citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and subsequently revoked, pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The Commission may also take action through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.

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# ATTACHMENT 3



**Public Utilities Commission**  
*State of California*

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

File #: Unlicensed  
Case #: PSG-4324

On May 10, 2017, Leticia Ramirez, Investigator, of the Transportation Enforcement Section, Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division, admonished:

**GARY THOMPSON, owner,**

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an individual doing business as (dba) Wine Tasting Driver providing transportation services in Napa, CA, for the violations listed below, and also placed on notice that if similar violations are disclosed in the future, penalties as provided in the Public Utilities (“Pub. Util.”) Code may be incurred:

**REFERENCE**

**VIOLATION**

Pub. Util. Code section 5371

Operating as a charter party carrier without a permit

Pub. Util. Code section 5414.5

Advertising as a charter party carrier without a permit

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You are also placed on notice that a re-examination of the transportation services of

**Wine Tasting Driver**

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will be conducted in the future and if similar violations are apparent at that time, penalties as provided in the Public Utilities Code may be incurred.

*I have read the above statement and have been furnished a copy.*

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Leticia Ramirez  
Investigator, Badge #46

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Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Thompson, Owner

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Dated

# ATTACHMENT 4

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298



DBA: WINE TASTING DRIVER, LLC

PSG0038791

ATTN: WINE TASTING DRIVER, LLC

TCP CLASS B CERTIFICATE

### CPUC Order of Suspension

This is notice from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that the operating authority listed on this letter is suspended effective April 19, 2021.

#### Failure to pay quarterly fees (PUCTRA)

Unless the suspension was requested voluntarily, if the reason(s) for the suspension are not resolved within 180 days, on October 16, 2021, the operating authority will be revoked. Voluntary suspensions may stay in effect without becoming revoked until the operating authority expires.

After the cancellation or revocation of a permit or certificate, or during the period of its suspension, or after the expiration of its permit or certificate, it is unlawful for a Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC) or a Transportation Charter-Party carrier (TCP) of passengers to conduct any operations as a carrier. (California Public Utilities Code §§ 1045, 5379). Unlawful operations are subject to fines and penalties as set forth in the California Public Utilities Code and may include permanent revocation of your operating authority or being permanently barred from receiving an operating authority.

A carrier whose certificate or permit is suspended due to failing to pass a vehicle inspection by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) (California Public Utilities Code § 5378.5, Commission Resolution TL-18336) may obtain a reinspection of its terminal and vehicles by the CHP by submitting a written request for reinstatement to CPUC and paying a reinstatement fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). (California Public Utilities Code § 5378.5(b)). Upon receipt of a written recommendation from CHP to suspend a carrier's operating authority, a carrier may request a hearing of the suspension by making a written request to CPUC and the CHP showing cause why the suspension should not be continued.

If your suspension is due to failing to maintain adequate insurance, you must contact your insurance provider to reinstate your policy on-file with the CPUC.

Date: Jun 28, 2021

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

licensing@cpuc.ca.gov

# ATTACHMENT 5

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298



DBA: WINE TASTING DRIVER, LLC

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ATTN: WINE TASTING DRIVER, LLC



TCP CLASS B CERTIFICATE

### Order of Revocation

This is notice from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that the operating authority listed on this letter is revoked effective **October 20, 2021**.

#### Failure to pay quarterly fees (PUCTRA)

After the cancellation or revocation of a permit or certificate, or during the period of its suspension, or after the expiration of its permit or certificate, it is unlawful for a Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC) or a Transportation Charter-Party carrier (TCP) of passengers to conduct any operations as a carrier. (California Public Utilities Code §§ 1045, 5379). Unlawful operations are subject to fines and penalties as set forth in the California Public Utilities Code and may include permanent revocation of your operating authority or being permanently barred from receiving an operating authority.

There is a ninety (90) day period in which a revoked carrier may apply to reinstate the revoked operating authority unless it was permanently revoked.

Date: Oct 20, 2021

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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# ATTACHMENT 6







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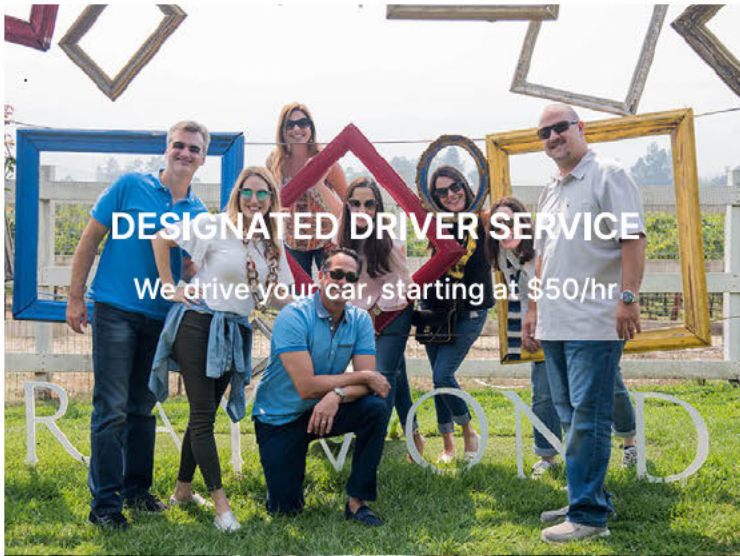
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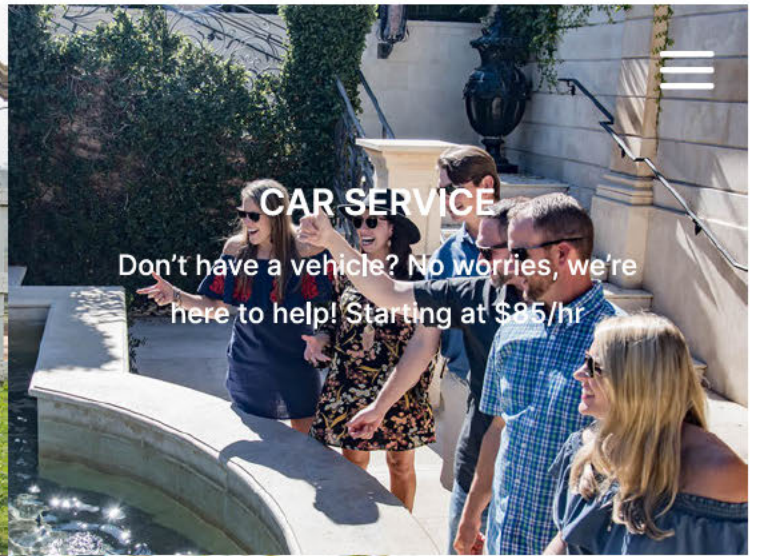
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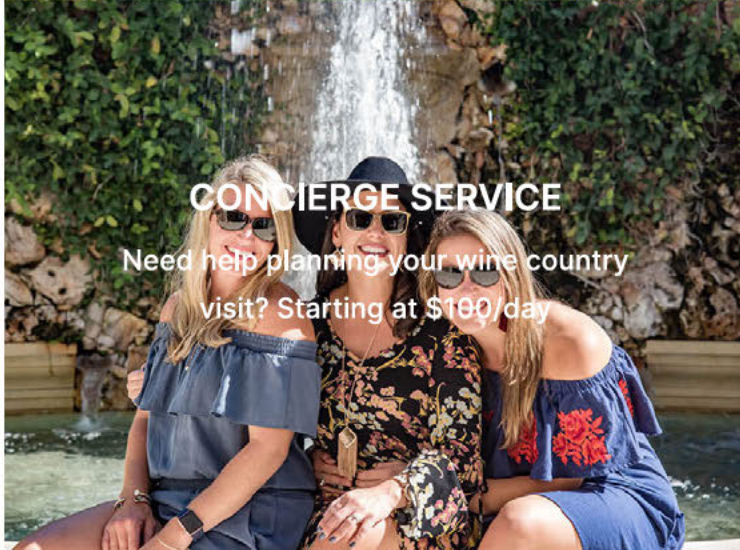
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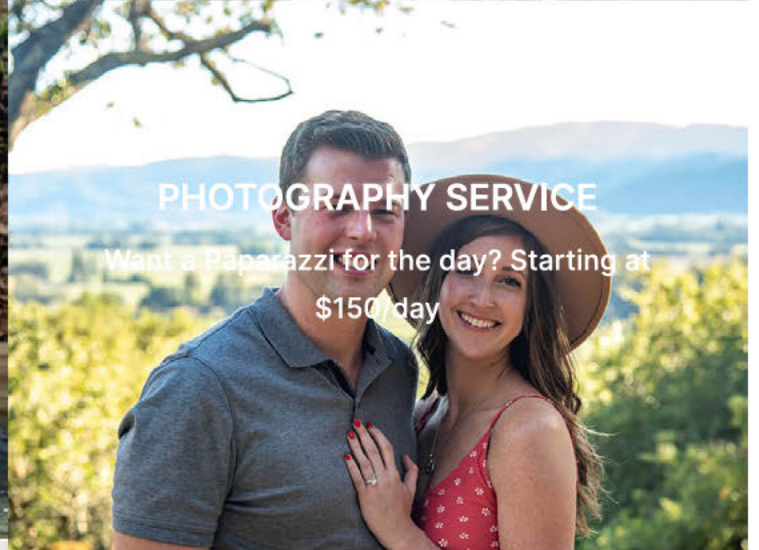
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Don't have a vehicle? No worries, we're here to help! Starting at \$85/hr



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Need help planning your wine country visit? Starting at \$100/day



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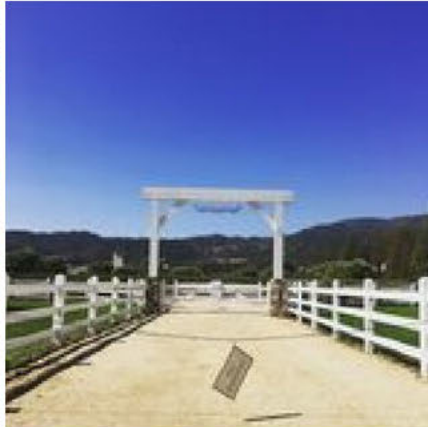
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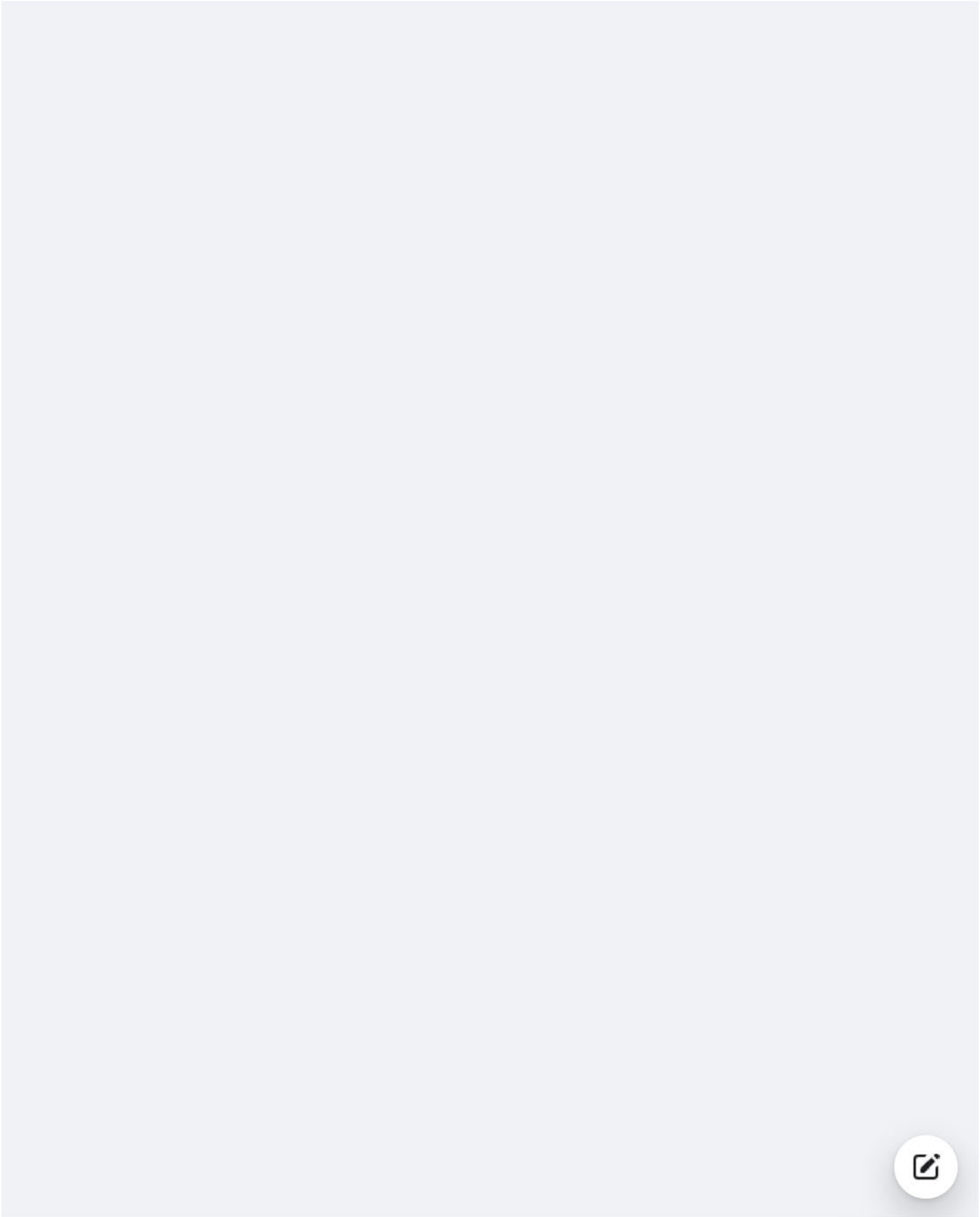
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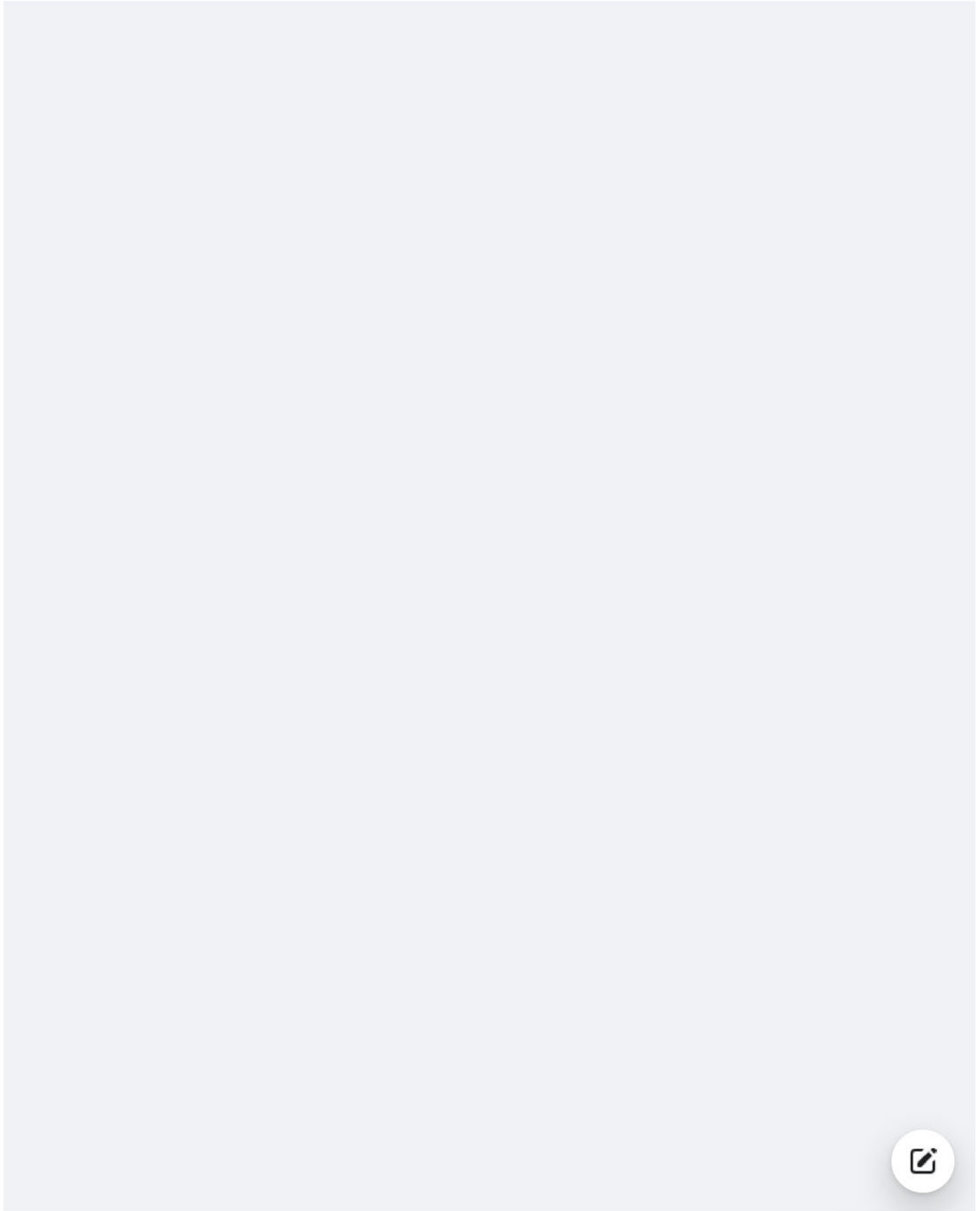


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## Featured



**Wine Tasting Driver**

February 27, 2018 · 🌐

Just had this great explainer video produced - what do you think? We're going to place it on our website soon!





### Posts

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**Wine Tasting Driver**

March 29, 2022 · 🌐



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Wine Tasting Driver updated their website address.

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**Wine Tasting Driver**

November 14, 2021 · 🌐



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### Wine Tasting Driver

October 4, 2021 · 🌐



This is what you do when you have time to kill till your next appointment. Buy a bottles, glasses, and sit enjoy! Super cool people from Florida.

Wine Tasting Driver

We drive your car or our car! Locals who love to share our knowledge. Fun and friendly team, too!

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### Wine Tasting Driver is at Whetstone Wine Cellars.

September 19, 2021 · Napa · 🌐



Awesome harvest party at Whetstone, one of our faves!

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### Wine Tasting Driver

September 12, 2021 · 🌐



The Napa Valley is in disrepair... just kidding—all is great and coming back to life! This is a view of Mt. Veeder and the Robert Mondavi winery as seen from Nickel & Nickel.

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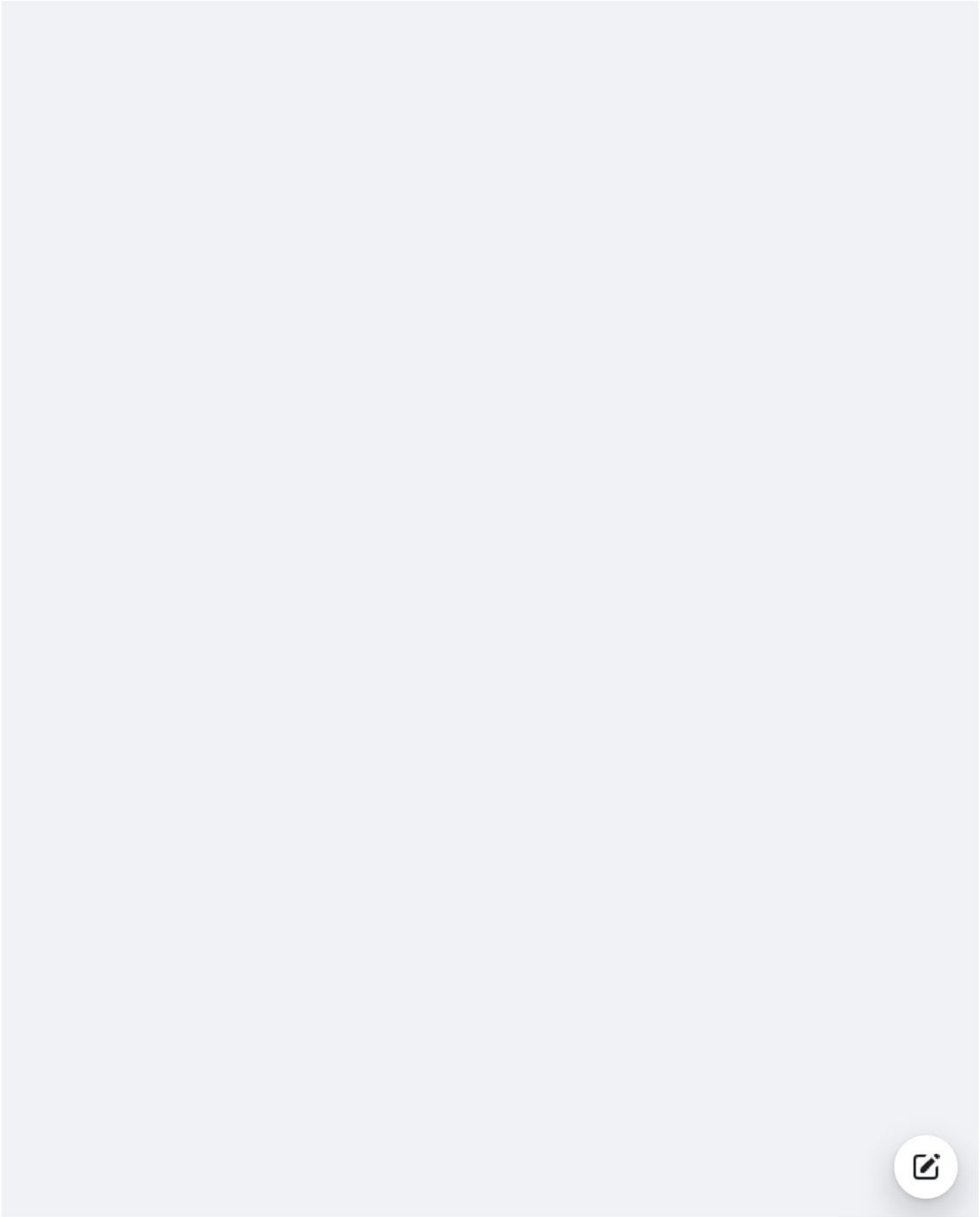


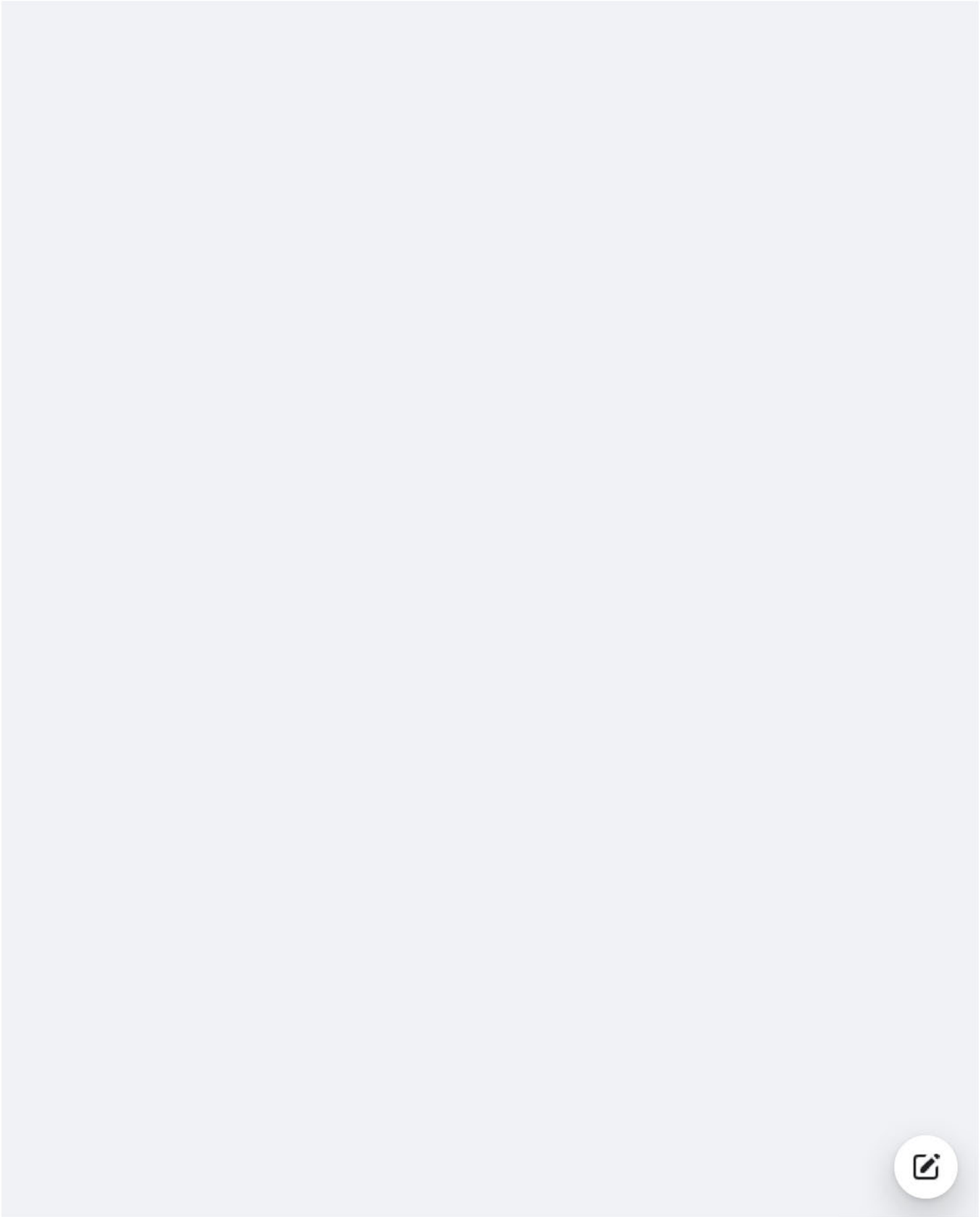
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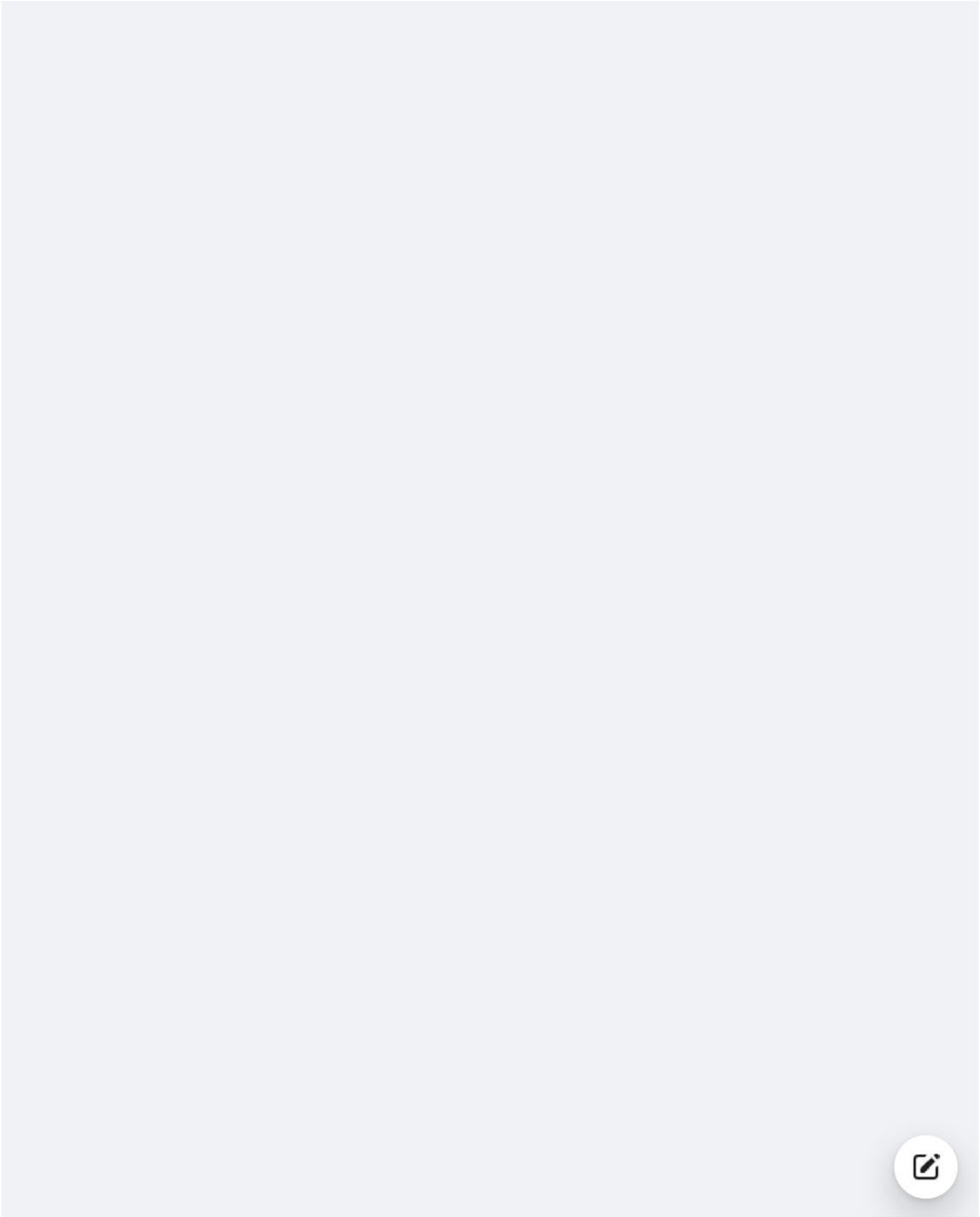
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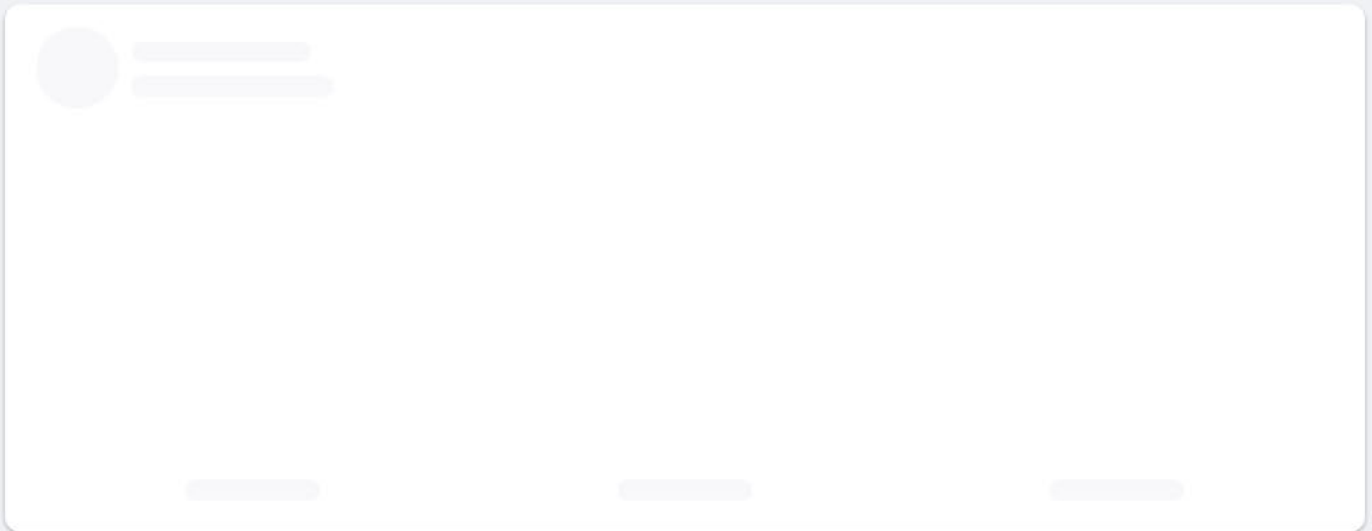
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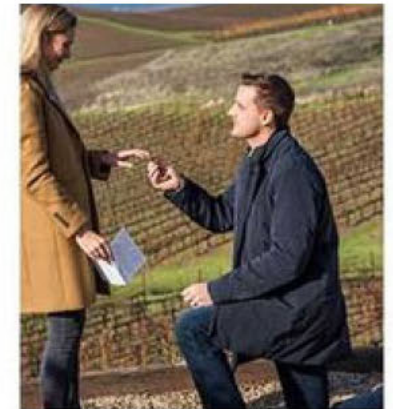












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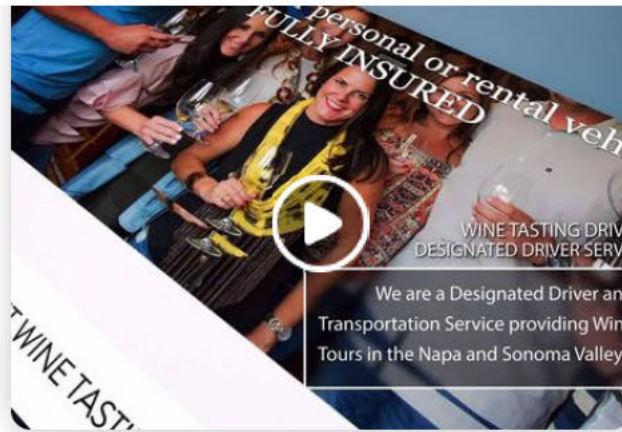
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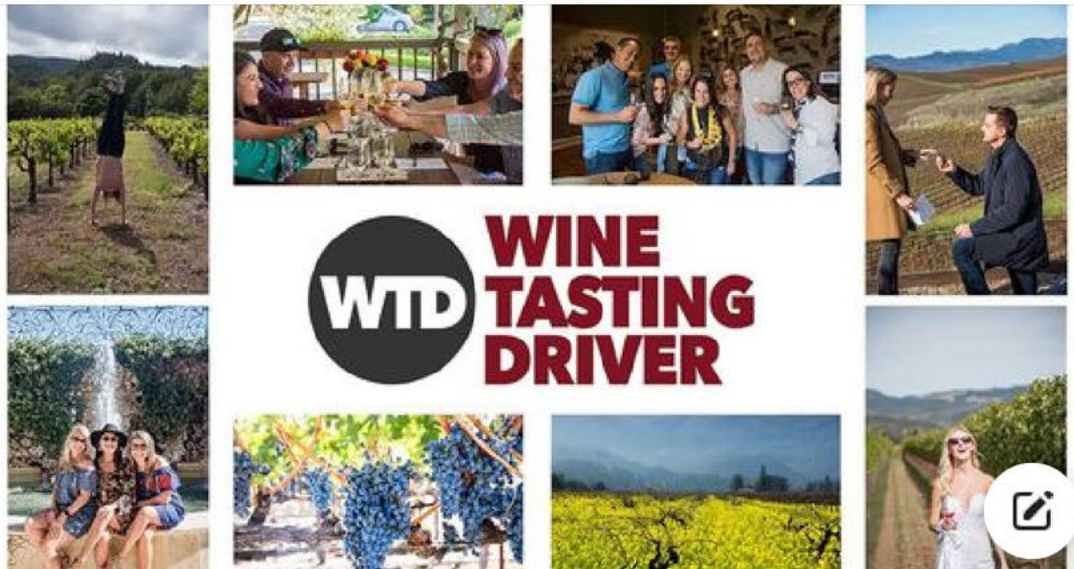
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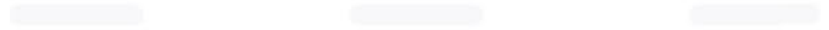
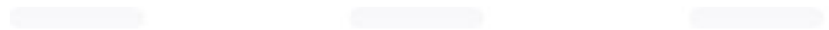
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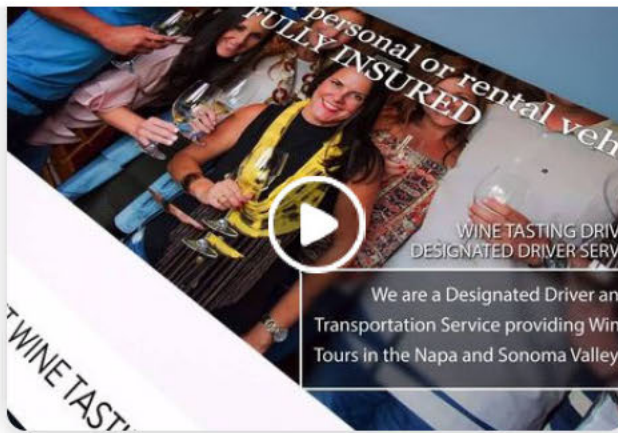
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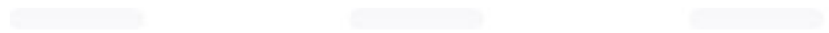
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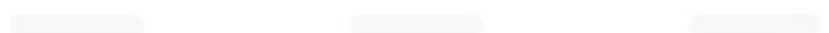
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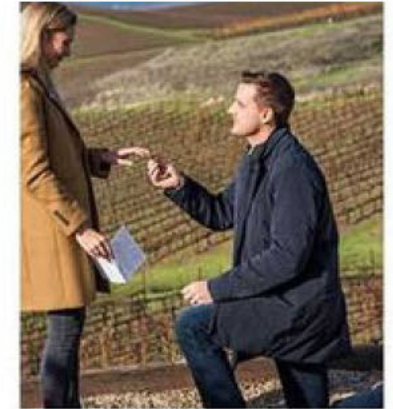


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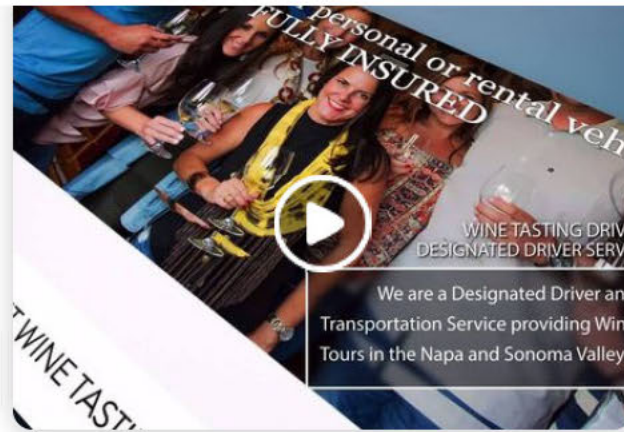
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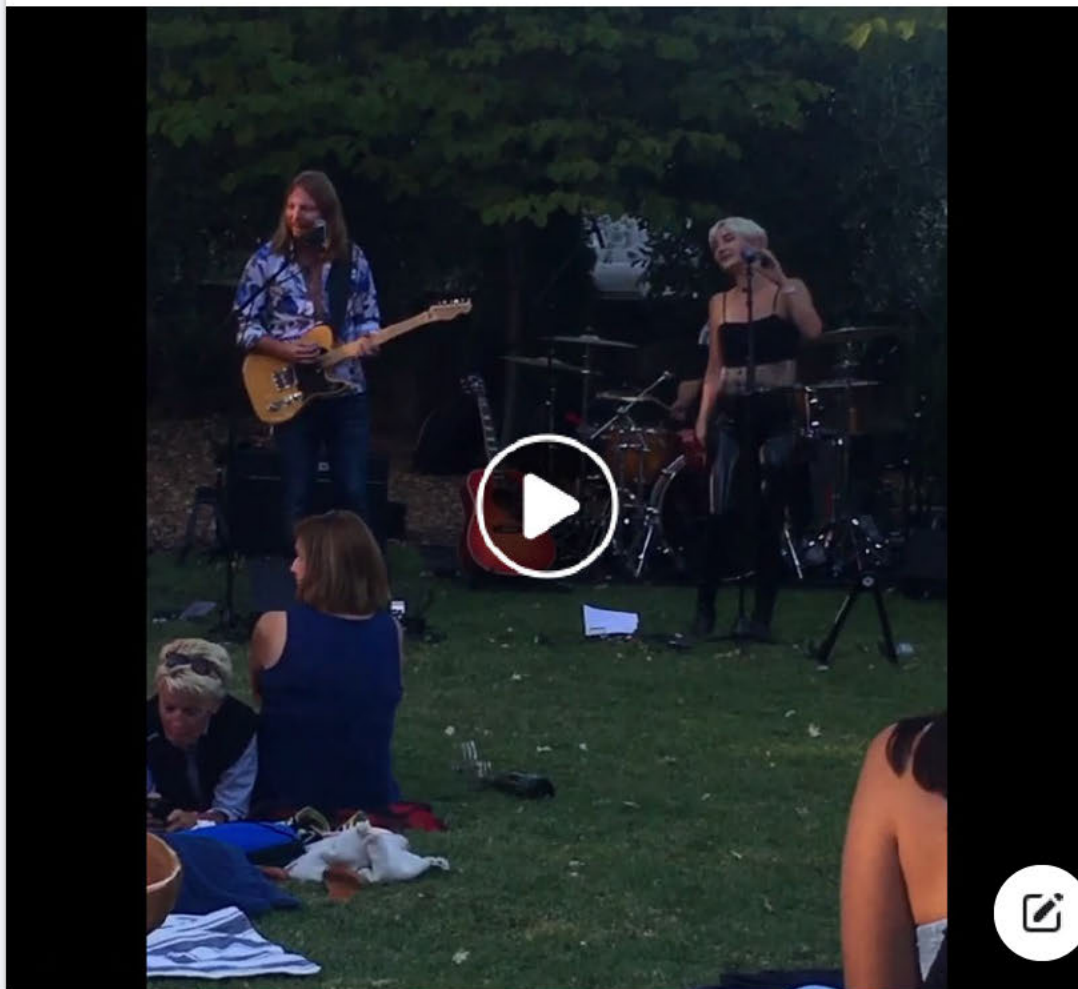


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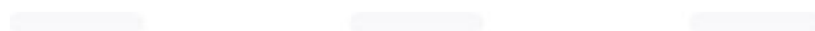
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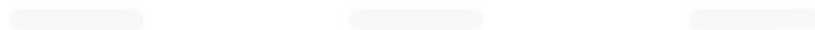
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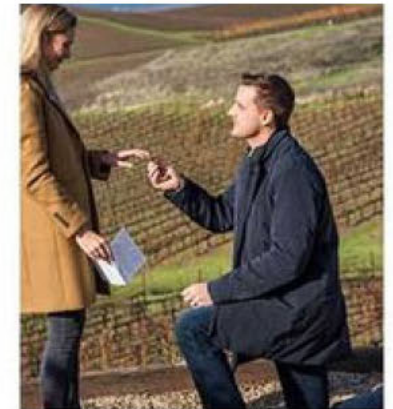
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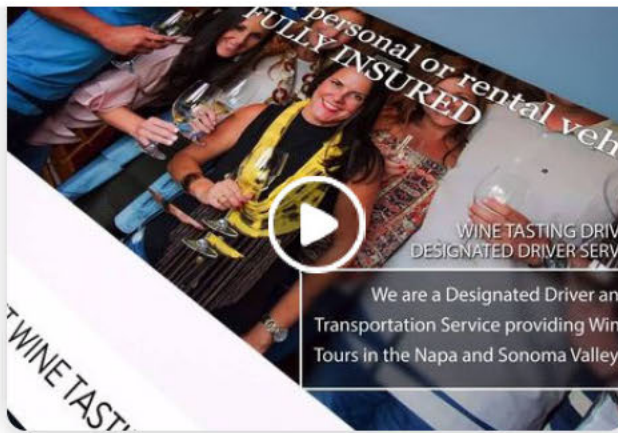
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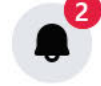
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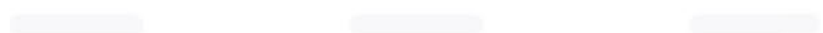
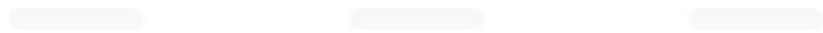
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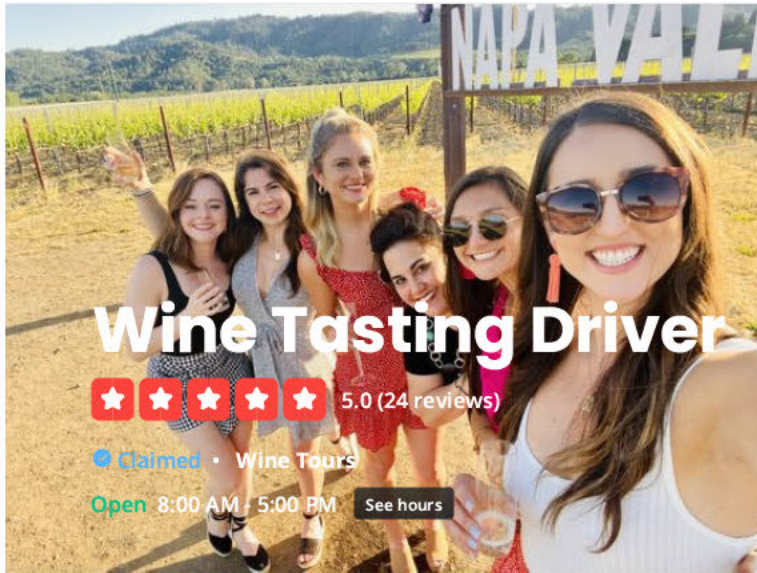
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**Susan W.**  
Grass Valley, CA  
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★★★★★ May 4, 2021

My husband and I and another couple (all California natives) used Wine Tasting Driver in Napa for a (you guessed it!) day of wine tasting using our own car. Our driver was Abdiel, and it was his first day on the job - we initiated him on driving giggly, wine-soaked ladies, ha ha. He was fantastic, such a nice young man. We all enjoyed getting to know him. And it made the day so much more relaxing for us not to have to worry about who would be the designated driver. The cost for their service was very reasonable and well worth it. Suzie and Gary were very responsive from the moment I sent them an inquiry, and the whole process was smooth and easy from start to finish. We did not use their concierge service (meaning they would make the tasting reservations) but made our own reservations. And let me tell you, it wasn't easy! The day we went tasting seemed to be the day everyone in California was there. So I think Wine Tasting Driver's concierge fee of \$100 is fair - we will do that next time, because I am sure they have a much more in-depth knowledge of the over 400 wineries in the area. It took me most of a day just to plan tasting at 3 wineries two weeks ahead of time - so many were already booked solid or did not have the time slots we needed. So in summary, we highly recommend Wine Tasting Driver and will definitely use their service again when we come back to Napa.



**Kristen A.**  
New York, NY  
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★★★★★ Apr 22, 2021

We had a fantastic experience with Wine Tasting Driver Reagan! We had an itinerary that she was already familiar with upon arrival and helped us make changes with her expertise and network in the area when we were having so much fun and wanted to move around some reservations. She provided some great recommendations and even drove out to pick up our lunch for us. Reagan was great to chat with and get to know over our trip and so agile. Thank you to Robert & Reagan!



**Emily G.**  
Petaluma, CA  
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**Kimberly A.**  
Phoenix, AZ  
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I was recently in California with some girlfriends to celebrate a birthday. We booked a Wine Tasting driver for our day in Napa. Our driver, Ashley, was wonderful! She was super knowledgeable and told us about the history of Napa and the wineries. She even recommend a great place for lunch (Gotts) and ordered it for us so we could enjoy it in between tasting without having to worry about any time constraints. She was super personable and even stopped in front of the famous Napa sign

so we could take pictures. Our experience was 5 star and it was the best way to start our vacation. We had such a great experience we decided to book another driver for our day in Sonoma. I highly recommend this service. Thank you!


**Caroline S.**  
 Baltimore, MD  
 0 photos 1 review

★★★★★ Sep 27, 2020

Robert was our driver for a day of wine tastings in Napa. He was absolutely wonderful! Months before we came out to Napa Robert provided tons of suggestions and advice for what wineries to visit, based on what we liked. He was extremely helpful. The day of our tastings, he walked us up to each winery, opened the doors, even packed snacks and drinks for us! We had a great time and cannot recommend this business enough!


**Greg W.** Elite 23  
 Somerville, MA  
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★★★★★ Mar 24, 2020

We had an amazing experience with Wine Tasting Driver for a day in Napa. From meeting us ahead of schedule to being extremely flexible throughout the day, we had great conversations and got some of the local lore and happenings as we went up and down the valley.

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On top of all the praises I could give the driver (I apologize, I forget his name), the price even with tip was significantly cheaper than some of the limo options by a fair amount. I cannot recommend this company enough if you are looking for a more economical alternative to the expensive limo companies and buses that operate in the Napa area. We will be using them again when we return to the area!

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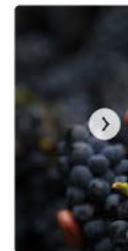
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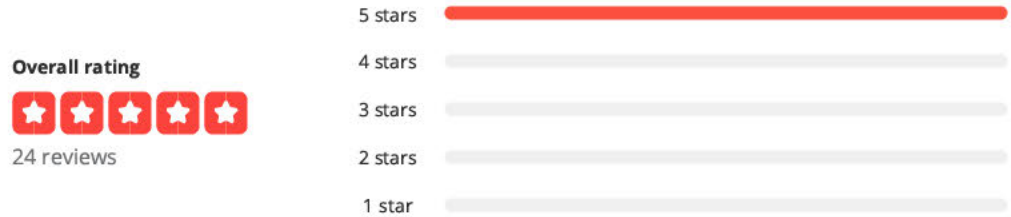
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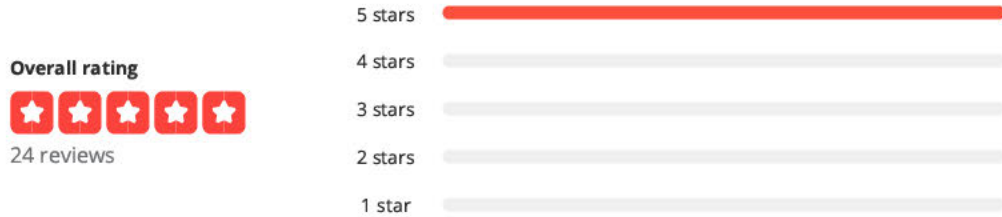
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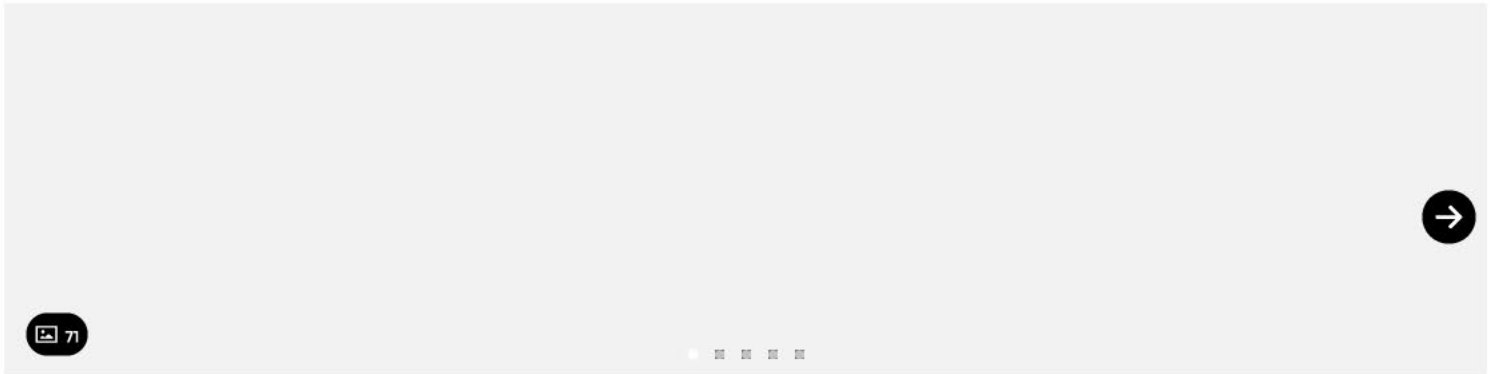
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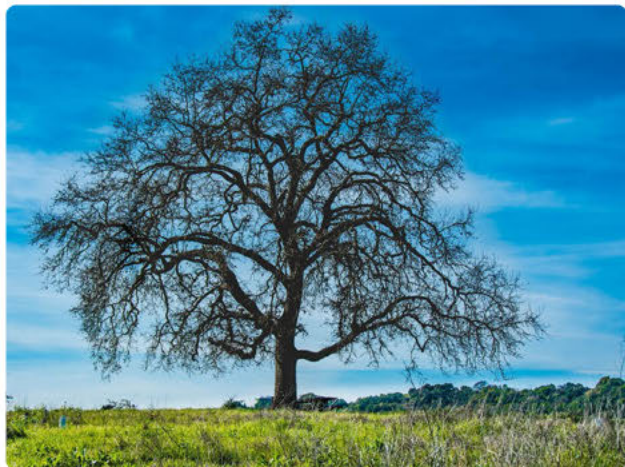
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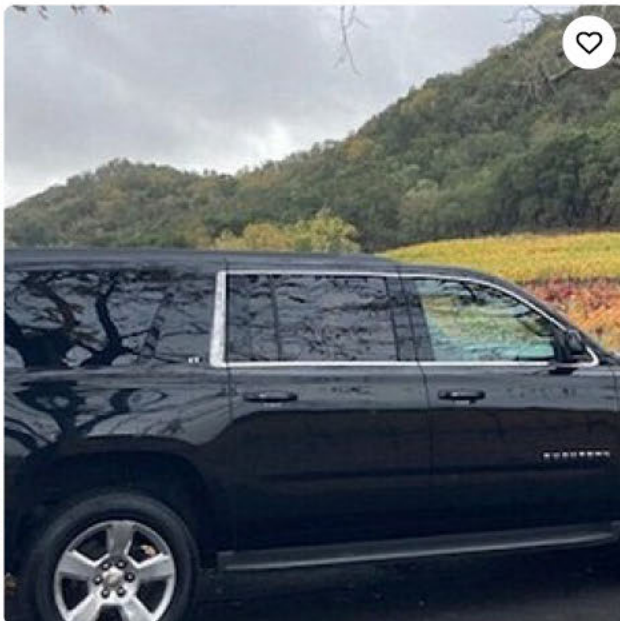


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

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

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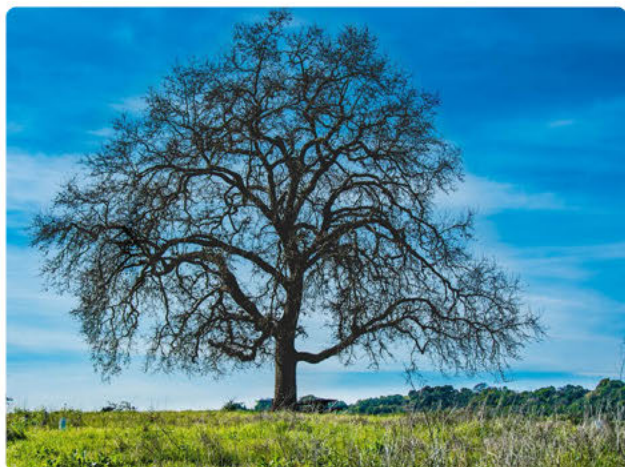
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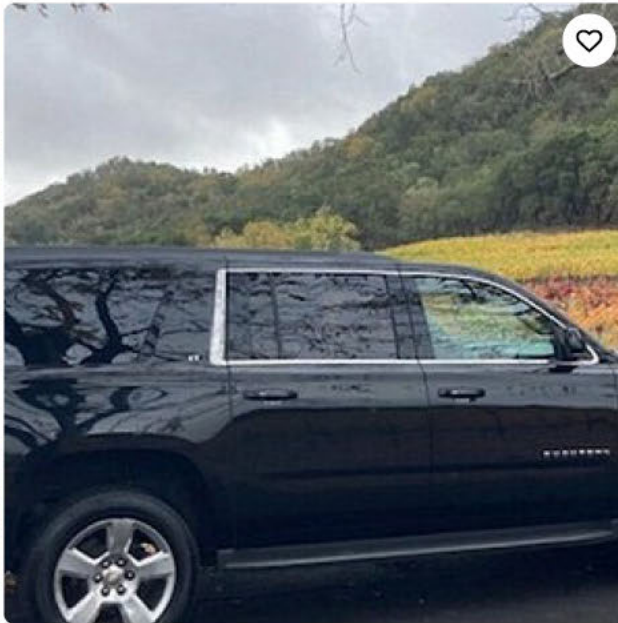


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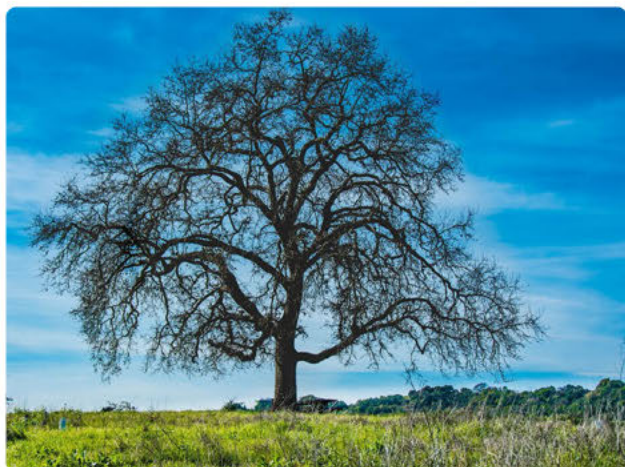
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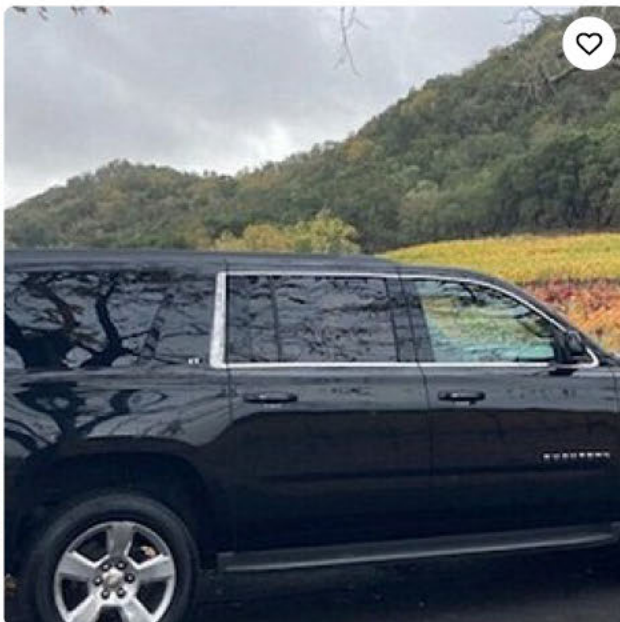


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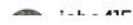
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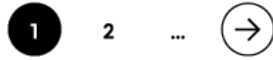
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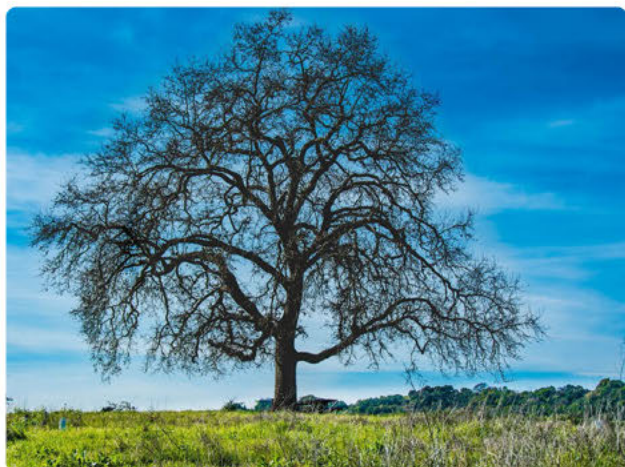
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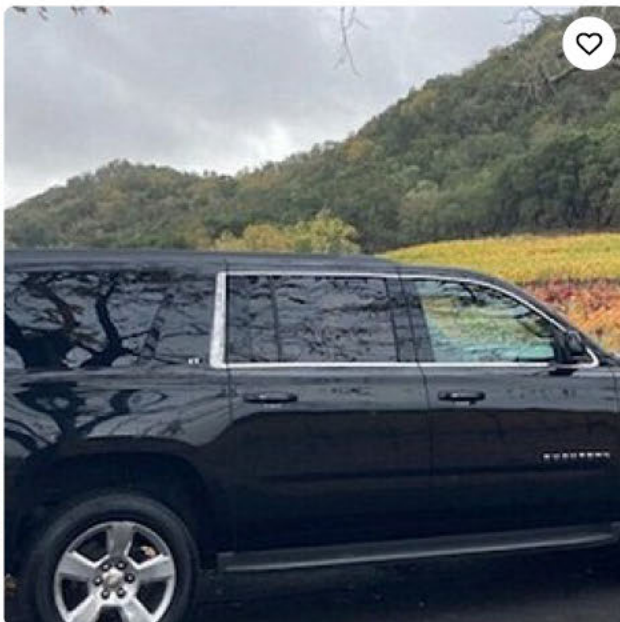


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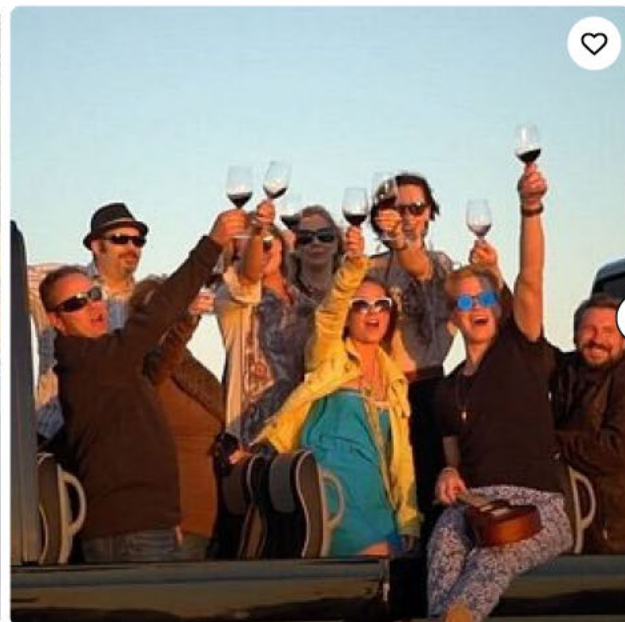


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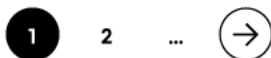
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November 8, 2023

TCP: 38791 (Revoked)  
Case No.: CSE-000006[REDACTED]  
  
Wine Tasting Driver LLC  
Attn: Gary Thompson  
[REDACTED]**NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST**

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On October 20, 2021, your charter-party carrier of passengers (TCP) operating authority was revoked for failure to pay the required quarterly Public Utilities Commission Transportation Reimbursement Account (PUCTRA) fees. In addition, Wine Tasting Driver LLC continues to advertise on its website, [www.wine-tasting-driver.com](http://www.wine-tasting-driver.com), Facebook, Yelp, and TripAdvisor.

**This letter places Wine Tasting Driver LLC on notice to cease and desist immediately all advertisements and operations as a TCP without valid authority in force with the Commission. Continued violations may result in criminal prosecutions and termination of telephone service.**

The Commission regulates and licenses TCPs within California pursuant to the California Constitution. Public Utilities Code (P.U. Code) Sections 5411, 5414.5 and 5415 state that any carrier which operates and/or advertises without authority is guilty of a misdemeanor which is punishable by a minimum fine of \$1,000. Each day of continued violations is a separate and distinct offense.

P.U. Code Section 5379 states that it is unlawful for any carrier to operate after revocation of its operating authority. This letter places Wine Tasting Driver LLC on notice that continued violations of law without the required permit may result in criminal prosecutions. There will be no further warnings.

Please call me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions regarding this letter. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Eric Ow*

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