

The background of the slide is a dark, semi-transparent image showing a hand pouring red wine from a bottle into a glass. The wine is captured mid-pour, creating a dynamic, blurred effect. The overall tone is warm and sophisticated.

Policy, Politics & Wine at the Federal Level

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- 1. Big Picture**
- 2. Republican Agenda**
- 3. Industry Issues**



Дисфункциональный

Dysfunctional

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- Funding Government
- Health Care: Repeal and Replace
- Political Appointments
- Republican Congressional Retirements

Republican Agenda

Republican Successes

- Supreme Court
- Taxes
- Reversing Obama Policies

Policy by Executive Order

- Immigration and DACA
- Trans Pacific Partnership and NAFTA
- Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)
- DOL Overtime Rule

Republican Agenda 2018

- Appropriations and Debt Limit
- Border Wall and Chain Migration
- Infrastructure
- Russia Investigation
- Survive Midterm Elections

Industry Issues

Immigration

- DACA = Ag Guest Worker Bill?
- Mandatory E-verify
- Senate Bill

Farm Bill

- Market Access Program
- Ag Research
- Specialty Crop Block Grants
- National Clean Plant Program
- Plant Pest and Disease

Trade

- NAFTA
- WTO Case Against Canada
- U.S. – Korea FTA
- U.S. – Japan FTA?
- Trade Promotion Authority

Taxes

- Reduced Corporate Rates – 21%
- Pass-Thru Business Inc – 20% Deduct
- Expensing Capital Purchases – 100%
- Craft Beverage Modernization Act (See TTB Website for FAQs)

Food Safety Modernization Act

- FSMA Winery Compliance
- Produce Safety Rule

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- Produce Rarely Consumed Raw
- Commercial Processing Exemption
- Disclosure and Assurance

Disclosure – 2018 (GROWER)

- Not processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance
- Name, Location of Vineyard
- Description of Grapes
- Identify Block

Assurance – 2020 (WINERY)

- Statement Grapes Were Processed
- Vineyard Name, Location
- Grape Description, Lot Number
- Block

Thank You

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