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Before moving to Portland in 2020, I lived in rural Yamhill County for 30 years. To preserve Oregon's irreplaceable farmland, we must not weaken our landuse laws. Cafes belong in towns, not agricultural lands. People are already free to wine-taste and picnic at vineyards so this law does not give meaningful new benefits to citizens. Instead, it is a money-grab by wine developers at the expense of Oregon's quality of life. Keep restaurants and cafes in the urban areas, close to transportation and population centers.

Big money will always want our agricultural land for development. Oregon has historically been wise enough to protect agriculture and the environment. Climate change and environmental degradation mean we must become more, not less, careful about restraining sprawling development!