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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015**

**OR**

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

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**TRUETT-HURST, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**



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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K

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Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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The aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates was approximately \$15,128,765 based upon a total of 3,810,772 shares of Class A common stock held by non-affiliates and a closing price of \$3.97 per share on December 31, 2014 for the Class A common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Capital Market. Shares held by each executive officer, director and by each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding Common Stock have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes  No

Not Applicable.

The number of shares outstanding with respect to each of the classes of our common stock, as of September 27, 2015, is set forth below:

Class	Number of shares outstanding
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	4,010,120
Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	8

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

None.

**TRUETT-HURST, INC.**

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## Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, our operations and financial performance. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of words such as “outlook,” “believes,” “expects,” “potential,” “continues,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “seeks,” “appro,” “predicts,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates,” “anticipates” or the negative version of these words or other comparable words. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual outcomes or results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. We believe these factors include but are not limited to those described under the section “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of this Report. Additional risk factors may be described from time to time in our future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by law.

These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. We believe these factors include but are not limited to those described under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" such as:

A reduction in the supply of grapes and bulk wine available to us from the independent grape growers and bulk wine suppliers could reduce our annual production of wine.

We have a history of losses and we may not achieve or maintain profitability in the future.

We face significant competition which could adversely affect our profitability.

Because a significant amount of our business is made through our direct to retailer partners, any change in our relationships with them could harm our business.

The loss of Mr. Hurst, Mr. Fogue, Ms. Lambrix, Mr. Shaw or other key employees would damage our reputation and business.

A reduction in our access to/or an increase in the cost of the third-party services we use to produce our wine could harm our business.

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The terms of our bank loans with Bank of the West may restrict our current and future operations, which could adversely affect our ability to respond to changes in our business and to manage our operations.

Because our founders have retained significant control over Truett-Hurst, current shareholders and new investors will not have as much influence on corporate decisions as they would if control were less concentrated.

We have certain transactions with related parties, including our founders and principal stockholders. These transactions may present conflicts of interest.

We depend upon our trademarks and proprietary rights, and any failure to protect our intellectual property rights or any claims that we are infringing upon the rights of others may adversely affect our competitive position and brand equity.

Our founders have significant influence on Truett-Hurst and their interest may differ from those of our public shareholders.

We face inventory risk, and if we fail to predict accurately demand for our products, we may face write-downs or other charges.

These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

## **PART I**

### Item 1. Business

We are a holding company that was incorporated as a Delaware corporation and our sole asset is the controlling equity interest in H.D.D. LLC. Unless the context suggests otherwise, references in this report to “Truett-Hurst,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Truett-Hurst, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. We refer to The Wine Spies, LLC, our indirect subsidiary, as Wine Spies. We refer to H.D.D. LLC as the “LLC”. Truett-Hurst consolidates the financial results of the LLC and its consolidated subsidiary, and records a non-controlling interest for the economic interest in the LLC and its consolidated subsidiary. Non-controlling interests represent the portion of equity ownership in subsidiaries that are not attributable to Truett-Hurst, Inc. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes two classes of common stock, Class A common stock and Class B common stock.

Quantities or results referred to as “to date” or “as of this date” mean as of or to June 30, 2015, unless otherwise specifically noted. References to “FY” or “fiscal year” refer to our fiscal year ending on June 30 of the designated year. For example, “FY15” and “fiscal year 2015” each refer to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This Annual Report on Form 10-K references certain trademarks and registered trademarks which may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective owners.

### *General*

We produce and sell premium, super-premium, ultra-premium and luxury wines and other select beverage alcohol products made from wine. The wine we make generally comes from grapes purchased from California-based growers. In addition, we purchase semi-finished bulk wine under contract and opportunistically on the spot-market. On a more limited basis, we also purchase finished goods from both foreign and domestic producers. We are headquartered in Sonoma County, California with tasting rooms in the Dry Creek and Russian River valleys. Our wines include Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon and are sold across a number of price points via three distinct distribution channels: three-tier, direct to consumer and internet. Our business model is a combination of direct to consumer sales, traditional three-tier brand sales and retail exclusive brand sales. We own, design and develop our brands, including those developed and sold on a retailer exclusive basis. Our brands are differentiated and marketed through innovative packaging and label designs.

Wine sales in the three-tier channel are sold to distributors with programs available to the broad market or to specific retailers on an exclusive basis. Our traditional three-tier distribution business consists of sales of Truett-Hurst, VML, Healdsburg Ranches, Colby Red and Bradford Mountain branded wines. Through our retailer exclusive brand model



we work with our retail partners to develop innovative brands which resonate with their customers and are intended to increase store traffic and expand exclusive brand sales. Our retail exclusive model allows us to own the brands we create, which we believe differentiates us from the traditional private label model, and allows us the option of expanding the brands into national and international markets, thereby increasing sales and building our brand equity. Our direct to consumer channel consists of sales through our tasting rooms, wine clubs and via the internet.

## **Strategic Objectives**

There are four primary categories into which we sell our wine: premium (\$12 - \$14 per bottle retail price), super-premium (\$15 - \$24 per bottle retail price), ultra-premium (\$25 - \$49 per bottle retail price) and luxury (\$50+ per bottle retail price). We believe we can benefit from growth at the premium and above price points and continue to grow our business relying on our competitive strengths: our experienced and knowledgeable team; our relationships with the world's top wine distributors and retailers; and our innovative approach to distribution and brand development. We intend to continue growing by:

**Developing innovative products that meet the needs of wine retailers.** We have a reputation for developing innovative retail exclusive brands and working with our retailer partners on unique programs to support sales of those products. With our branding expertise we intend to continue innovation and build our market share with global wine retailers who are focused on increasing their profitability through retail exclusive offerings.

**Growing our customer base to include additional major U.S. retail chains.** We are actively pursuing relationships with the largest retail chains in the United States and have further diversified our customer base, thereby reducing customer concentration risk.

**Expanding our direct to consumer business.** Our wine clubs continue to grow due to growing consumer awareness of our brands from targeted public relations, exciting wine club events and advertising. The direct to consumer business generally generates higher gross margins and we intend to continue building this distribution channel in order to further our growth.

**Marketing to key international markets.** During FY14, we completed an agreement with the Trialto Wine Group, LTD, based in Vancouver Canada, creating a national partnership to distribute the Truett-Hurst family of brands throughout Canada. Despite challenges related to currency exchange rates, during FY15, we have worked with our Canadian distributor to ensure our brands are listed with all regional Liquor Control Boards. We also continue selective brand development and distribution opportunities in other international markets.

**Developing new ways to engage customers and to distribute our products.** We continue to be discovery-oriented in our approach and we are always looking for new innovations in and approaches to the global wine market. We believe that traditional wine marketing, to some degree, has stymied creativity and believe our innovative branding expertise allows us to rapidly capitalize on evolving customer demands.

## Recent Developments

In March 2015, in order to support the launch of our CA Winecraft brand with The Kroger Company, we produced almost 48,000 cases of product. We have estimated that the product maintains its highest quality for 10 months after its production date and as such this initial production has a “best by” date of January 2016. The initial production quantities were expected to be fully depleted based on commitments by Kroger to promote the product through in-store displays and its “Summer Rack Program.” CA Winecraft product started shipping to distributors in April 2015 and through May 2015 approximately 33,000 cases of product had shipped. In June 2015 to allow for distributor back stock and to support anticipated replenishment orders, we produced an additional 32,000 cases of product. The “best by” date for the second production is April 2016.

The number of stores that participated in the “Summer Rack Program” and/or stocked shelves with CA Winecraft product fell short of Kroger’s initial guidance and our expectations. Based on reports from Kroger, through early September, approximately 5,000 cases of product has been purchased by consumers. We are working with Kroger to increase both the number of stores selling the product and the retail rate of sale; however, we are unable to predict the impact of these efforts. In late August 2015, Kroger agreed to forgo exclusivity on the product, and since then we have been working with our distributors and other potential customers to increase points of distribution for the product outside the Kroger store network. There is no assurance that these sales efforts will lead to incremental orders. The lower number of distribution points combined with slower than anticipated retail rate of sale has left inventory levels higher than planned. As of June 30, 2015, we had approximately 45,000 cases at a cost of \$0.7 million of product in our inventory and through September 13, 2015 our inventory levels remain materially unchanged.

As discussed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, we have reduced the carrying value of our remaining CA Winecraft inventory. The current carrying value of this inventory is \$0.2 million.

## Our Products

We produce a wide spectrum of varietals, including Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel, across a number of price points in the marketplace. Some of our key wine brands and varietals are as follows:

<b>Brand</b>	<b>Key Varieties</b>	<b>Distribution Channel</b>
Truett Hurst	Zinfandel	Tasting Room
VML	Pinot Noir/Chardonnay	Tasting Room/Broad Market
Bradford Mountain	Zinfandel/Syrah	Tasting Room/Broad Market
Healdsburg Ranches	Chardonnay/Cabernet Sauvignon/Zinfandel	Broad Market
The Criminal	Red Blend	Retail Exclusive
Dearly Beloved	Red Blend	Broad Market
Sauvignon Republic	Sauvignon Blanc	Retail Exclusive
Evocative Wraps		
Bewitched	Chardonnay/Pinot Noir/Reserve Pinot Noir	Retail Exclusive
Curious Beast	Red Blend / Chardonnay / Cabernet Sauvignon	Semi Broad Market/International
Schuck's	Chardonnay	Semi Broad Market
Chateau Crisp	Sauvignon Blanc	Retail Exclusive
The Wine with No Name	Red Blend	Broad Market
Mad Duck	Zinfandel/Sauvignon Blanc	Retail Exclusive
California Square	Chardonnay/Cabernet Sauvignon/Red Blend	Broad Market
Paso Ranches	Cabernet Sauvignon	Retail Exclusive
Inconspicuous	Old Vine Lodi Zinfandel	Retail Exclusive
The Fugitive	Red Blend	Retail Exclusive

The One Armed Man	Red Blend	Retail Exclusive
Stonegate	Cabernet Sauvignon	Retail Exclusive
Eden Ridge	Chardonnay / Red Blend	Retail Exclusive
Eden's Eve	Chardonnay	Retail Exclusive
The Republic of Wine	Pinot Noir/Various	Retail Exclusive
Colby Red	Red Blend	Broad Market
Sonoma Ranches	Pinot Noir/Chardonnay	Retail Exclusvie

### **Our Wineries**

Established in 2007, Truett-Hurst was our first winery operation and brand. The Truett-Hurst winery is located in the Dry Creek Valley appellation of Sonoma County and focuses on producing super-premium wine from a range of varietals, including Zinfandel, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Petite Sirah and other unique red blends.

Established in 2011, VML was our second winery operation and brand. The VML winery, which is leased, is located in the Russian River Valley appellation of Sonoma County and focuses on producing super-premium and ultra-premium wines from grapes purchased from local growers. The primary varietals include Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Gewurztraminer.

## **Wine Supply and Production**

### *Wine Production*

We operate two wineries where wine is produced from many varieties of grapes principally grown or purchased in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley and Dry Creek Valley appellations. Our VML winery, which is a leased facility, can crush, ferment and oak barrel age approximately 500 tons (35,000 cases) of ultra-premium grapes annually, with capacity to increase to 2,000 tons with additional capital improvements. For increased production capacity, we outsource to a variety of specialist wineries and bottling facilities. We have been able to satisfy our production requirements to date and consider our sources to be adequate at this time. However, the inability of any of our suppliers to satisfy our requirements could adversely affect our operations.

### *Grape and Wine Contracts*

The majority of our annual grape requirements are satisfied by purchases from each year's harvest which normally begins in August and runs through October. In addition to purchasing grapes, we supplement our needs with bulk wine purchase contracts based on our sales and production requirements. Depending upon overall demand and availability of bulk wine, we could experience shortages and/or increased prices.

We enter into grape contracts with terms generally of one to four years, which require us to pay an agreed upon price per ton that varies according to the type of grape, its appellation and in certain cases, the vineyard block in which the grapes are grown. Contracts are typically terminable after a specified term, unless earlier mutually agreed by the parties.

### *Vineyards Owned by our Founders*

Certain of our founders and principal stockholders own, operate or farm vineyards. The grapes produced from these vineyards are sold to us at market prices, with the balances sold to other wineries. See Part II, Item 8, Note 8, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional details regarding related party commitments.

## **Sources and Availability of Production Materials**

We utilize glass and other materials such as corks, capsules, labels and cardboard cartons in the bottling and packaging of our products. After grape purchases and associated production overhead, glass bottle costs are the next most significant component of our cost of sales. The glass bottle industry is highly concentrated with only a small number of quality producers. We obtain our glass requirements from a limited number of producers under supply arrangements. We have been able to satisfy our production requirements with respect to the foregoing and consider our sources of supply to be adequate at this time. However, the inability of any of our glass bottle suppliers to satisfy our requirements could adversely affect our operations.

## **Seasonality**

There is seasonality in the growing, procurement and transportation of grapes. The wine industry typically experiences increased sales in October, November and December. Sales are typically higher upon the launch of a new product into the marketplace and when retailers promote brands through in-store displays and advertisements. We expect these trends to continue.

## **Our Team and Culture**

Our team consists of seasoned professionals who have worked their way up through the industry often achieving senior level positions in noted wine companies such as Diagio, Constellation Brands, Inc., the Brown-Forman Corporation and Fetzer Vineyards.

In addition to building a seasoned team of professionals and shaping our entrepreneurial culture, an important part of our strategy is to create partnerships with the best organizations and professionals in order to leverage our core competencies in the most efficient, cost effective and profitable manner. We are proud of the corporate partnerships we have created throughout our sales channels and our team believes we can build a business that can change the way consumers purchase and enjoy wine.

## **Sales and Marketing**

We employ a relatively small full-time, in-house marketing, sales and customer service organization. Our sales and marketing team uses a range of marketing strategies designed to build brand equity and increase sales. Strategies include, but are not limited to, market research, consumer and trade advertising, price promotions, point-of-sale materials, event sponsorship, on-premise promotions, social media and public relations.

## **Competitive Environment**

The super-premium, ultra-premium and luxury market segments of the wine industry are highly competitive. We compete on the basis of quality, price, brand recognition and distribution strength against domestic and multinational producers and distributors, some of which have greater resources than us, for consumer purchases, as well as shelf space in retail stores, restaurant presence and wholesaler attention. Further, our wines compete with other alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages.

In the retail exclusive label market, we believe our chief competitors are Constellation Brands, Inc., E.&J. Gallo Winery, Bronco Wines, Winery Exchange Inc., Vintage Wine Estates, Delicato Family Vineyards, and other California and international wine producers.

There are relatively few publicly traded beverage companies with significant wine operations. Two of the largest, Constellation Brands, Inc. – owner of brands such as Robert Mondavi, Clos du Bois and Kim Crawford – and Diageo plc – which owns Rosenblum, Chalone, Sterling and others – also have beer and spirits divisions.

Demand for wine in the premium, super-premium, ultra-premium and luxury market segments can rise and fall with general economic conditions. Based on industry statistics, wine consumption in all of these categories has increased. Our ability to respond to market demand, deliver a variety of wine styles, create and design innovative packaging combined with an effective distribution system will allow us to continue to penetrate the mainstream wine markets.

## **Intellectual Property**



We protect our proprietary rights through a variety of means and measures, including patents, trade secrets, copyrights, trademarks, contractual restrictions and technical measures. We sell a number of our brands under our registered trademarks. International trademark registrations are also maintained where it is appropriate to do so. Each of the U.S. trademark registrations are renewable indefinitely so long as we are making a bona fide usage of the trademark. As of September 1, 2015, we had 35 registered material trademarks, 17 published and 4 pending.

## **Regulatory Environment**

The wine industry is part of the highly regulated U.S. liquor industry. While there have been significant relaxations over time, such as those arising following the *Granholm v. Heald* U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2005, the U.S. wine industry is still highly regulated. For example, we are able to ship wine directly now to consumers and businesses in 42 states, but must still work through traditional “three-tier” distributors in the remaining 8 states.

The production and sale of wine is subject to extensive regulation by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and the California Liquor Control Commission. We are licensed by and meet the bonding requirements of each of these governmental agencies. Sale of our wines is subject to federal alcohol tax, payable at the time wine is removed from the bonded area of the winery for shipment to customers or for sale in our tasting rooms. The current federal alcohol tax rate is \$1.07 per gallon for wines with alcohol content at or below 14.0% and \$1.57 per gallon for wines with alcohol content above 14.0% but less than 21%; however, wineries that produce not more than 250,000 gallons during the calendar year are allowed a graduated tax credit of up to \$0.90 per gallon on the first 100,000 gallons of wine (other than sparkling wines) removed from the bonded area during that year.

We also pay the state of California an excise tax of \$0.20 per gallon for all wine sold in California. In addition, all states in which our wines are sold impose varying excise taxes on the sale of alcoholic beverages. Payments of these taxes are the responsibility of the supplier or distributor depending upon the channel in which the wine is sold.

Internet and consumer direct sales are also subject to state regulation which governs the quantity and manner in which products can be shipped, delivered and excise taxes collected.

As an agricultural processor, we are also regulated by Sonoma County and, as a producer of wastewater, by the state of California. We maintain all necessary permits to operate our business.

Prompted by growing government budget shortfalls and public reaction against alcohol abuse, Congress and many state legislatures are considering various proposals to impose additional excise taxes on the production and sale of alcoholic beverages, including table wines. Some of the excise tax rate increases being considered are substantial. The ultimate effects of such legislation, if passed, cannot be assessed accurately since the proposals are still in the discussion stage. Any increase in the taxes imposed on table wines can be expected to have a potentially adverse impact on overall sales of such products. However, the impact may not be proportionate to that experienced by producers of other alcoholic beverages and may not be the same in every state.

Management is strongly focused on environmental stewardship and maintains a variety of policies and processes designed to protect the environment, the public and the consumers of its wine. Many of our expenses for protecting the environment are voluntary, however we are regulated by various local, state and federal agencies regarding environmental laws where the costs of these laws and requirements of these agencies are effectively integrated into our regular operations and do not cause significant negative impacts or costs.

We believe we are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable governmental laws and regulations in the countries in which we operate. We also believe that the cost of administration and compliance with, and liability under, such laws and regulations have not had a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

## **Employees**

As of June 30, 2015, we had a full time equivalent of 40 employees. We hire part time and seasonal help as needed. All employees were in the United States. We believe that our future success will depend in large part on our ability to attract and retain highly skilled technical, managerial, and sales and marketing personnel. None of the employees are subject to collective bargaining agreements. We believe relations with our employees are good.

## **Information About Our Executive Officers**

The information required under this Item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed relating to our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders.

## **Available Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 125 Foss Creek Circle, Healdsburg, California 95448, and our telephone number is 1.707.431.4423. We file our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and proxy statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC’s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549, on official business days during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1.800.SEC.0330. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issues, including what we file electronically with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may learn more about us by visiting our website at [www.truettthurstinc.com](http://www.truettthurstinc.com), the information on our website is not part of this Form 10-K. The foregoing information regarding our website and our content is for your convenience only. The content of our website is not deemed to be incorporated by reference in this report or filed with the SEC.

### **Emerging Growth Company Status**

We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, enacted on April 5, 2012 (“JOBS Act”). For as long as we are an “emerging growth company,” we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “emerging growth companies,” including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding stockholder advisory “say-on-pay” votes on executive compensation and stockholder advisory votes on golden parachute compensation.

Under the JOBS Act, we will remain an “emerging growth company” until the earliest of:

- the last day of the fiscal year during which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1 billion or more;
- the last day of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of our IPO;
- the date on which we have, during the previous three-year period, issued more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt; and

the date on which we are deemed to be a “large accelerated filer” under the Exchange Act (we will qualify as a large accelerated filer as of the first day of the first fiscal year after we have (i) more than \$700 million in outstanding common equity held by our non-affiliates and (ii) been public for at least 12 months; the value of our outstanding common equity will be measured each year on the last day of our second fiscal quarter).

The JOBS Act also provides that an “emerging growth company” can utilize the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) for complying with new or revised accounting standards. However, we chose to “opt out” of such extended transition period, and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for companies that are not “emerging growth companies.”

### **Smaller Reporting Company**

We became subject to the reporting requirements of Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, subject to the disclosure requirements of Regulation S-K of the SEC, as a “smaller reporting company,” on the effective date of our Registration Statement. The designation of being a “smaller reporting company” relieves us of some of the more detailed informational requirements of Regulation S-K.

## **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

### **Risks Related to Our Business**

*A reduction in the supply of grapes and bulk wine available to us from the independent grape growers and bulk wine suppliers could reduce our annual production of wine.*

We rely on annual contracts with independent growers to purchase substantially all of the grapes used in our wine production. Our business would be harmed if we are unable to contract for the purchase of grapes at acceptable prices from these or other suppliers in the future. The terms of many of our purchase agreements also constrain our ability to discontinue purchasing grapes in circumstances where we might want to do so.

Some of these agreements provide that either party may terminate the agreement prior to the beginning of each harvest year.

We depend on a single bulk wine supplier for the production of several of our wines, particularly our direct to retailer designated labels. Our contract with this supplier ends after the 2015 harvest. Extension of this contract is not guaranteed and thus we may have exposure to the availability and pricing of bulk wine for our production needs which could increase the cost or reduce the amount of wine we are able to produce for sale. This could reduce our sales and profits.

*We face inventory risk, and if we fail to predict accurately demand for our products, we may face write-downs or other charges.*

We are exposed to inventory risks that may adversely affect our operating results as a result of new product launches, changes in product cycles and pricing, limited shelf-life of certain of our products, changes in consumer demand, and other factors. We endeavor to predict accurately, based on information from our distributors and our own reasonable assumptions, the expected demand for our products in order to avoid overproduction. Demand for products, however, can change significantly between the time of production and the date of sale. It may be more difficult to make accurate predictions regarding new products. In part, we depend on the marketing initiatives and efforts of our distributors in promoting our products and creating consumer demand and we have limited or no control regarding their promotional initiatives or the success of their efforts. Also, to the extent that our products, such as our Winecraft products, have a limited shelf life, our failure to predict accurately consumer demand may lead to write-offs or

impairment charges that will have a negative effect on our results of operations. These write-offs or impairment or other charges may be assessed quarterly and may cause our period to period results to fluctuate.

***We have a history of losses, and we may not achieve or maintain profitability in the future.***

We have had a limited number of quarters or years of profitability and historically raised additional capital to meet our growth needs. We expect to make significant future investments in order to develop and expand our business, which, we believe, will result in additional sales, marketing and general and administrative expenses that will require increased sales to recover these additional costs. As a public company we expect to continue to incur legal, accounting, and other administrative expenses that are material. While our revenue has grown in recent periods, this growth may not be sustainable or sufficient to cover the costs required to successfully compete.

We may not generate sufficient revenue to achieve profitability. We may incur significant losses in the future for a number of reasons, including slowing demand for our products and increasing competition, as well as the other risks described in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and we may encounter unforeseen expenses, difficulties, complications and delays, and other unknown factors in the expansion of our business. Accordingly, we may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability and, we may incur significant losses in the future, and this could cause the price of our Class A common stock to decline further.

***We face significant competition which could adversely affect our profitability.***

The wine industry is intensely competitive. Our wines compete in several super-premium and ultra-premium wine market segments with many other super-premium and ultra-premium domestic and foreign wines, with imported wines coming from the Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France, as well as Italy, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and Australia. Our wines also compete with other alcoholic and, to a lesser degree, non-alcoholic beverages, for shelf space in retail stores and for marketing focus by our independent distributors, many of which carry extensive brand portfolios. A result of this intense competition there has been and may continue to be upward pressure on our selling and promotional expenses. In addition, the wine industry has experienced significant consolidation. Many of our competitors have greater financial, technical, marketing and public relations resources than we do. Our sales may be harmed to the extent we are not able to compete successfully against such wine or alternative beverage producers' costs. There can be no assurance that in the future we will be able to successfully compete with our current competitors or that we will not face greater competition from other wineries and beverage manufacturers.

***Because a significant amount of our business is made through our retail exclusive model any change in our relationship with our retail partners could harm our business.***

Our agreements with our direct retail partners are informal and therefore subject to change. If one or more of our direct retail partners chose to purchase fewer of our products, or we were forced to reduce the prices at which we sell our products to these partners, our sales and profits would be reduced and our business would be harmed.

***The loss of Mr. Hurst, Mr. Forgue, Ms. Lambrix, Mr. Shaw or other key employees or personnel would damage our reputation and business.***

We believe that our success largely depends on the continued employment of a number of our key employees, including Phil Hurst, our Chief Executive Officer, Paul Forgue, our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operations Officer, Virginia Lambrix, our Winemaker, and Kevin Shaw, an independent contractor who serves as our Creative Director. Any inability or unwillingness of Mr. Hurst, Mr. Forgue, Ms. Lambrix, Mr. Shaw or other key management team members to continue in their present capacities could harm our business and our reputation.

***A reduction in our access to/or an increase in the cost of, the third-party services we use to produce our wine could harm our business.***

We utilize capacity at several third-party facilities for the production of a significant portion of our wines. Our inability to use these or alternative facilities, at reasonable prices or at all, could increase the cost or reduce the amount of our production, which could reduce our sales and our profits. We do not have long-term agreements with any of these facilities, and they may provide services to our competitors at a price above what we are willing to pay. The activities conducted at outside facilities include crushing, fermentation, storage, blending, canning and bottling. Our reliance on these third parties varies according to the type of production activity. As production increases, we must increasingly rely upon these third-party production facilities. Reliance on third parties will also vary with annual harvest volumes.

In addition, we have limited direct impact over the quality control and quality assurance of these third-party manufacturers. If our suppliers are not able to deliver products that satisfy our requirements, we may be forced to seek alternative providers, which may not be available at the same price, or at all. Moving production to a new third party service provider could negatively impact our financial results.

***The terms of our bank loans with Bank of the West may restrict our current and future operations, which could adversely affect our ability to respond to changes in our business and to manage our operations.***

Our bank loans include a number of customary restrictive covenants that could impair our financing and operational flexibility and make it difficult for us to react to market conditions and satisfy our ongoing capital needs and unanticipated cash requirements. The bank loans contain usual and customary covenants, including, without limitation:

- limitation on incurring senior indebtedness
- limitation on making loans and advances;
- limitation on investments, acquisitions and capital expenditures;
- limitation on liens, mergers and sales of assets; and
- limitation on activities of Truett-Hurst.

In addition, the bank loans contain negative and financial covenants, including, without limitation, a minimum current assets to current liabilities ratio (measured quarterly), debt to effective tangible net worth ratio (measured quarterly), debt service coverage ratio (measured annually) and minimum EBITDA (measured at December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016).

Our ability to comply with the covenants and other terms of our bank loans will depend on our future operating performance and, in addition, may be affected by events beyond our control, and we may not meet them. If we fail to comply with such covenants and terms, we would be required to obtain waivers from our lenders or agree with our lenders to an amendment of the facility's terms to maintain compliance under such facility. If we are unable to obtain any necessary waivers and the debt is accelerated, it would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and future operating performance, and we may be required to limit our activities.



***Because our founders retain significant control over Truett-Hurst, current shareholders and new investors will not have as much influence on corporate decisions as they would if control were less concentrated.***

As of June 30, 2015, our founders and affiliates control 48% of the combined voting power through their ownership of our outstanding Class A common stock and/or Class B common stock. Prior to conversion of their LLC Units, each holder of LLC Units holds a single share of our Class B common stock. Although these shares have no economic rights, they allow our existing owners to exercise voting power over Truett-Hurst, Inc., the managing member of the LLC, at a level that is consistent with their overall equity ownership of our business. As a result, our founders and their affiliates have significant influence in the election of directors and the approval of corporate actions that must be submitted for a vote of stockholders.

In addition, certain of our founders, as well as certain trusts and other entities under their control, have entered into guarantee agreements in connection with our bank loans with Bank of the West. For additional information related to our bank guarantees, see Part II, Item 8, Note 8, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The interests of these affiliates may conflict with the interests of other stockholders, and the actions they take or approve may be contrary to those desired by the other stockholders. This concentration of ownership may also have the effect of delaying, preventing or deterring an acquisition of Truett-Hurst by a third party.

***We have certain transactions with related parties, including our founders, which may present a conflict of interest.***

We routinely source grapes for our products from vineyards owned by our founders and principal stockholders. The interests of these affiliates in such transactions may be contrary to those desired by stockholders. We have policies in place designed to mitigate the risk associated with such transactions; however, stockholders may be harmed by self-dealing with affiliates and our loss of corporate opportunity.

In addition, from time to time we enter into transactions for goods and services with entities in which our executive officers, directors and/or affiliates have interests, as further described under Part II, Item 8, Note 8, "Commitments and Contingencies - Related Party," to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We also enter into grape and bulk wine purchase agreements from time to time with entities in which our founders have financial interests. During FY14 and FY15, we have entered into such arrangements with:

Ghianda Rose Vineyard, which is owned by Diana Fetzer, wife of Paul E. Dolan, III a member of our board of directors.

Gobbi Street Vineyards, which is partly owned by Diana Fetzer, and Paul E. Dolan, III's daughter, Nya Kusakabe.

Dark Horse Farming Company, which is owned Paul E. Dolan III (50%), Heath E. Dolan (25%) and Jason Dolan (25%). Paul E. Dolan III and Heath E. Dolan are directors of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. Jason Dolan is the brother of Heath E. Dolan.

We believe these arrangements reflect substantially the same market terms we would receive in transactions with unaffiliated third parties. However, if we fail to receive market terms for these transactions or other similar transactions in the future, our expenses could increase.

***A failure of one or more of our key information technology systems, networks, processes, associated sites or service providers could have a material adverse impact on our business.***

We rely on information technology ("IT") systems, networks, and services, including internet sites, data hosting and processing facilities and tools, hardware (including laptops and mobile devices), software and technical applications and platforms, some of which are managed, hosted, provided and/or used by third-parties or their vendors, to assist us in the management of our business. The various uses of these IT systems, networks, and services include, but are not limited to: hosting our internal network and communication systems; ordering and managing materials from suppliers; supply/demand planning; production; shipping product to customers; hosting our branded websites and marketing products to consumers; collecting and storing customer, consumer, employee, investor, and other data; processing transactions; summarizing and reporting results of operations; hosting, processing, and sharing confidential and proprietary research, business plans, and financial information; complying with regulatory, legal or tax requirements; providing data security; and handling other processes necessary to manage our business.

Increased IT security threats and more sophisticated cyber-crime pose a potential risk to the security of our IT systems, networks, and services, as well as the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of our data. If the IT systems, networks, or service providers we rely upon fail to function properly, or if we suffer a loss or disclosure of business or other sensitive information, due to any number of causes, ranging from catastrophic events to power outages to security breaches, and our business continuity plans do not effectively address these failures on a timely basis, we may suffer interruptions in our ability to manage operations and reputational, competitive and/or business harm, which may adversely affect our business operations and/or financial condition. In addition, such events could result in unauthorized disclosure of material confidential information, and we may suffer financial and reputational damage because of lost or misappropriated confidential information belonging to us or to our partners, our employees, customers, suppliers or consumers. In any of these events, we could also be required to spend significant financial and other resources to remedy the damage caused by a security breach or to repair or replace networks and IT systems.

***If we are unable to maintain an effective internal control over financial reporting in the future, the accuracy, and timeliness of our financial reporting may be adversely affected.***

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP” or “GAAP”).

We are an “emerging growth company” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, or the JOBS Act, and as such we may elect to avail ourselves of the certain exemptions from various reporting requirements of public companies that are not “emerging growth companies,” including, but not limited to, an exemption from complying with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, which we refer to as the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act.”

***We depend upon our trademarks and proprietary rights, and any failure to protect our intellectual property rights or any claims that we are infringing upon the rights of others may adversely affect our competitive position and brand equity.***

Our future success depends significantly on our ability to protect our current and future brands and products and to defend our intellectual property rights. We have staked out a reputation for innovation and we have introduced new product innovations, including, for example, our evocative “wine wraps,” the world’s first paper bottle and our proprietary square bottle. We have been granted numerous trademark registrations covering our brands and products and have filed, and expect to continue to file, trademark applications seeking to protect newly-developed brands and products. We cannot be sure that trademark registrations will be issued with respect to any of our trademark applications. There is also a risk that we could, by omission, fail to timely renew or protect a trademark or that our

competitors will challenge, invalidate or circumvent any existing or future trademarks issued to, or licensed by, us.

***A reduction in consumer demand for wines could harm our business.***

There have been periods in the past in which there were substantial declines in the overall per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages in the United States and other markets in which we participate. A limited or general decline in consumption in one or more of our product categories could occur in the future due to a variety of factors, including a general decline in economic conditions, increased concern about the health consequences of consuming beverage alcohol products and about drinking and driving, a trend toward a healthier diet including lighter, lower calorie beverages such as diet soft drinks, juices and water products, the increased activity of anti-alcohol consumer groups and increased federal, state or foreign excise and other taxes on alcoholic beverage products. The competitive position of our products could also be affected adversely by any failure to achieve consistent, reliable quality in the product or service levels to customers.

***Changes in consumer spending could have a negative impact on our financial condition and business results.***

Wine sales depend upon a number of factors related to the level of consumer spending, including the general state of the economy, federal and state income tax rates, deductibility of business entertainment expenses under federal and state tax laws, and consumer confidence in future economic conditions. Changes in consumer spending in these and other areas can affect both the quantity and the price of wines that customers are willing to purchase at restaurants or through retail outlets. Reduced consumer confidence and spending may result in reduced demand for our products, limitations on our ability to increase prices and increased levels of selling and promotional expenses. This, in turn, may have a considerable negative impact upon our sales and profit margins.

***The market price of our stock may fluctuate due to seasonal fluctuations in our wine sales, operating expenses and net income.***

We experience seasonal and quarterly fluctuations in sales, operating expenses and net income. Generally, the second and third quarters of our fiscal year have lower sales volumes than the first and fourth quarters. We have managed, and will continue to manage, our business to achieve our long-term objectives. In doing so, we may make decisions that we believe will enhance our long-term profitability, even if these decisions may reduce quarterly earnings. These decisions include the timing of the release of our wines for sale, our wines' competitive positioning and the grape and bulk wine sources we use to produce our wines.

***Bad weather, drought, plant diseases and other factors could reduce the amount or quality of the grapes available to produce our wines.***

A shortage in the supply of quality grapes may result from the occurrence of any number of factors which determine the quality and quantity of grape supply, such as weather conditions and natural disasters, such as floods, droughts, frosts, earthquakes, pruning methods, the existence of diseases and pests, and the number of vines producing grapes, as well as the level of consumer demand for wine. Any shortage could cause an increase in the price of some or all of the grape varieties required for our wine production and/or a reduction in the amount of wine we are able to produce, which could harm our business and reduce our sales and profits.

Recent examples of events affecting supply include the frost in 2008 that significantly impacted the amount of grapes harvested in Mendocino County, the frost of 2011 that had a significant impact on the crop size in Paso Robles and the widespread drought which impacted parts of the United States from 2011 to 2014. Currently 100% of the state of California is now classified as being in one of the three worst levels of drought which range from abnormally dry, moderate drought, severe drought, extreme drought and exceptional drought.

Factors that reduce the quantity of grapes may also reduce their quality, which in turn could reduce the quality or amount of wine we produce. Deterioration in the quality of our wines could harm our brand name and a decrease in our production could reduce our sales and increase our expenses.

***Adverse public opinion about alcohol may harm our business.***

While a number of research studies suggest that moderate alcohol consumption may provide various health benefits, other studies conclude or suggest that alcohol consumption has no health benefits and may increase the risk of stroke, cancer and other illnesses. An unfavorable report on the health effects of alcohol consumption could significantly reduce the demand for wine, which could harm our business and reduce our sales and increase our expenses.

In recent years, activist groups have used advertising and other methods to inform the public about the societal harms associated with the consumption of alcoholic beverages. These groups have also sought, and continue to seek, legislation to reduce the availability of alcoholic beverages, to increase the penalties associated with the misuse of alcoholic beverages, or to increase the costs associated with the production of alcoholic beverages. Over time, these efforts could cause a reduction in the consumption of alcoholic beverages generally, which could harm our business and reduce our sales and increase our expenses.

***Contamination of our wines would harm our business.***

Because our products are designed for human consumption, our business is subject to hazards and liabilities related to food products, such as contamination. A discovery of contamination in any of our wines, through tampering or otherwise, could result in a recall of our products. Any recall would significantly damage our reputation for product quality, which we believe is one of our principal competitive assets, and could seriously harm our business and sales. Although we maintain insurance to protect against these risks, we may not be able to maintain insurance on acceptable terms, and this insurance may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability.

*A decrease in wine score ratings by important rating organizations could have a negative impact on our ability to create greater demand and pricing.*

Many of our brands are issued ratings or scores by local and national wine rating organizations, and higher scores usually translate into greater demand and higher pricing. Although some of our brands have been highly rated in the past, and we believe our farming and winemaking activities are of a quality to generate good ratings in the future, we have no control over ratings issued by third parties which may not be favorable in the future.

*Increased regulatory costs or taxes would harm our financial performance.*

The wine industry is regulated extensively by the Federal Tax and Trade Bureau and state and local liquor authorities and State of California environmental agencies. These regulations and laws dictate various matters, including:

- Excise taxes;
- Licensing requirements;
- Trade and pricing practices;
- Permitted distribution channels;
- Permitted and required labeling;
- Advertising;
- Relationships with distributors and retailers; and
- Air quality, storm water and irrigation use.

Recent and future zoning ordinances, environmental restrictions and other legal requirements may limit our plans to expand production capacity, as well as any future development of new vineyards and wineries. In addition, federal legislation has been proposed that could significantly increase excise taxes on wine. Other federal legislation has been proposed which would prevent us from selling wine directly through the mail. This proposed legislation, or other new regulations, requirements or taxes, could harm our business and operating results. Future legal or regulatory challenges to the wine industry could also harm our business and impact our operating results.

Prompted by growing government budget shortfalls and public reaction against alcohol abuse, Congress and many state legislatures are considering various proposals to impose additional excise taxes on the production and sale of alcoholic beverages, including table wines. Some of the excise tax rates being considered are substantial. The ultimate effects of such legislation, if passed, cannot be assessed accurately since the proposals are still in the discussion stage. Any increase in the taxes imposed on table wines can be expected to have a potentially adverse impact on overall sales of such products. However, the impact may not be proportionate to that experienced by producers of other alcoholic beverages and may not be the same in every state.

***An increase in the cost of energy or the cost of environmental regulatory compliance could affect our profitability.***

We have experienced increases in energy costs, and energy costs could continue to rise, which would result in higher transportation, freight and other operating costs. We may experience significant future increases in the costs associated with environmental regulatory compliance, including fees, licenses and the cost of capital improvements to our operating facilities in order to meet environmental regulatory requirements. Our future operating expenses and margins will be dependent on our ability to manage the impact of cost increases. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to pass along increased energy costs or increased costs associated with environmental regulatory compliance to our customers through increased prices.

In addition, we may be party to various environmental remediation obligations arising in the normal course of our business or in connection with historical activities of businesses we acquire. Due to regulatory complexities, uncertainties inherent in litigation and the risk of unidentified contaminants at our current and former properties, the potential exists for remediation, liability and indemnification costs to differ materially from the costs that we have estimated. We cannot assure you that our costs in relation to these matters will not exceed our projections or otherwise have an adverse effect upon our business reputation, financial condition or results of operations.

***Climate change, or legal, regulatory or market measures to address climate change, may negatively affect our business, operations or financial performance, and water scarcity or poor water quality could negatively impact our production costs and capacity.***

Our business depends upon agricultural activity and natural resources. There has been much public discussion related to concerns that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere may have an adverse impact on global temperatures, weather patterns and the frequency and severity of extreme weather and natural disasters. Severe weather events and climate change may negatively affect agricultural productivity in the regions from which we presently source our agricultural raw materials such as grapes. Decreased availability of our raw materials may increase the cost of goods for our products. Severe weather events or changes in the frequency or intensity of weather events can also disrupt our supply chain, which may affect production operations, insurance cost and coverage, as well as delivery of our products to wholesalers, retailers and consumers.



Water is essential in the production of our products. The quality and quantity of water available for use is important to the supply of grapes and our ability to operate our business. Water is a limited resource in many parts of the world and if climate patterns change and droughts become more severe, there may be a scarcity of water or poor water quality that may affect our production costs or impose capacity constraints. With California facing one of the most severe droughts on record, Governor Brown declared a drought State of Emergency in January and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. Such events could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

*Natural disasters, including earthquakes or fires, could destroy our facilities or our inventory.*

We must store our wine in a limited number of locations for a period of time prior to its sale or distribution. Any intervening catastrophes, such as an earthquake or fire, that result in the destruction of all or a portion of our wine would result in a loss of our investment in, and anticipated profits and cash flows from, that wine. Such a loss would seriously harm our business and reduce our sales and profits.

#### **Risks Related to Our Organizational Structure**

*Truett-Hurst, Inc.'s only material asset is its interest in the LLC, and it is accordingly dependent upon distributions from the LLC to pay taxes, make payments under the tax receivable agreement or pay dividends.*

We are a holding company and have no material assets other than our controlling member equity interest in the LLC. We have no independent means of generating revenue. We will cause the LLC to make distributions to its unit holders in an amount sufficient to cover all applicable taxes at assumed tax rates, payments under the tax receivable agreement and dividends, if any, declared by us. To the extent that we need funds, and the LLC is restricted from making such distributions under applicable law or regulation or under the terms of its financing arrangements, or is otherwise unable to provide such funds, it could materially adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition.

We entered into a tax receivable agreement with our pre-IPO owners that provides for the payment by Truett-Hurst, Inc. to these parties of 90% of the benefits, if any, that Truett-Hurst, Inc. is deemed to realize as a result of the increases in tax basis resulting from our purchases or exchanges of LLC Units and certain other tax benefits related to our entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement.

We expect that the payments that we may make under the tax receivable agreement will be substantial. There may be a material negative effect on our liquidity if, as a result of timing discrepancies or otherwise, the payments under the tax receivable agreement exceed the actual benefits we realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement and/or distributions to Truett-Hurst, Inc. by H.D.D. LLC are not sufficient to permit Truett-Hurst, Inc. to make payments under the tax receivable agreement after it has paid taxes. The payments under the tax receivable agreement are not conditioned upon the continued ownership of us by the counterparties to the tax receivable agreement.

***Our founders have significant influence on Truett-Hurst and their interests may differ from those of our public stockholders.***

As of June 30, 2015, our founders and affiliates control 48% of the combined voting power through their ownership of our outstanding Class A common stock and/or Class B common stock. Because the our founders and affiliates hold a majority of their ownership interest in our business through the LLC, rather than through the public company, the founders and affiliates may have conflicting interests with holders of shares of our Class A common stock. For example, our founders and affiliates may have different tax positions from us which could influence their decisions regarding whether and when to dispose of assets, whether and when to incur new or refinance existing indebtedness, especially in light of the existence of the tax receivable agreement that we entered in to, and whether and when we should terminate the tax receivable agreement and accelerate the obligations thereunder. In addition, the structuring of future transactions may take into consideration the founders' and affiliates' tax or other considerations even where no similar benefit would accrue to us.

***We will be required to pay the counterparties to the tax receivable agreement for certain tax benefits we may claim arising in connection with current exchanges, future purchases or exchanges of LLC Units and related transactions, and the amounts we may pay could be significant.***

We entered into a tax receivable agreement with our existing owners which provides for the payment by us to our existing owners of 90% of the benefits, if any, that we are deemed to realize as a result of (i) the increases in tax basis resulting from our exchanges of LLC Units and (ii) certain other tax benefits related to our entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement.

We expect the payments that we may make under the tax receivable agreement may be substantial. It is possible that future transactions or events could increase or decrease the actual tax benefits realized and the corresponding tax receivable agreement payments. There may be a material negative effect on our liquidity if distributions to us by the LLC are not sufficient to permit us to make payments under the tax receivable agreement after we have paid taxes. For example, we may have an obligation to make tax receivable agreement payments for a certain amount while receiving distributions from the LLC in a lesser amount, which would negatively affect our liquidity. The payments under the tax receivable agreement are not conditioned upon our existing owners' continued ownership of us.

We are required to make a good faith effort to ensure that we have sufficient cash available to make any required payments under the tax receivable agreement. The operating agreement of the LLC requires the LLC to make "tax distributions" which, in the ordinary course, will be sufficient to pay our actual tax liability and to fund required payments under the tax receivable agreement. If for any reason the LLC is not able to make a tax distribution in an amount that is sufficient to make any required payment under the tax receivable agreement or we otherwise lack sufficient funds, interest would accrue on any unpaid amounts at LIBOR plus 500 basis points until they are paid.

In the event that we and an exchanging LLC Unit holder are unable to resolve a disagreement with respect to the tax receivable agreement, we are required to appoint either an expert in the relevant field or an arbitrator to make a determination, depending on the matter in dispute.

We recorded deferred tax assets of \$6.4 million related to the exchange of 1.1 million LLC units for an equal amount of THI Class A common stock since our IPO. We recorded a \$5.7 million long-term liability due to LLC unit holders who converted their units to shares which represents 90% of the estimated tax benefits and \$0.6 million for the difference in the recorded deferred tax asset and computed TRA liability and recorded as an adjustment to equity. Additionally, we recorded a valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets for \$6.4 million as it was determined that it was more likely than not that the tax benefits would not be realized, which resulted in corresponding adjustments to the TRA liability and equity as mentioned above.

***In certain cases, payments under the tax receivable agreement to our existing owners may be accelerated and/or significantly exceed the actual benefits we realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement.***

The tax receivable agreement provides that upon certain mergers, asset sales, other forms of business combinations or other changes of control, or if, at any time, Truett-Hurst elects an early termination of the tax receivable agreement, Truett-Hurst's (or its successor's) obligations with respect to exchanged or acquired LLC Units (whether exchanged or acquired before or after such transaction) would be based on certain assumptions, including that the corporate taxpayer would have sufficient taxable income to fully utilize the deductions arising from the increased tax deductions and tax basis and other benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement. As a result, (i) we could be required to make payments under the tax receivable agreement that are greater than or less than the specified percentage of the actual benefits we realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement and (ii) if we elect to terminate the tax receivable agreement early, we would be required to make an immediate payment equal to the present value of the anticipated future tax benefits, and this upfront payment may be made years in advance of the actual realization of such future benefits. Upon a subsequent actual exchange, any additional increase in tax deductions, tax basis and other benefits in excess of the amounts assumed at the change in control will also result in payments under the tax receivable agreement. In these situations, our obligations under the tax receivable agreement could have a substantial negative impact on our liquidity. There can be no assurance that we will be able to finance our obligations under the tax receivable agreement.

Payments under the tax receivable agreement are based on the tax reporting positions that we determine. Although we are not aware of any issue that would cause the IRS to challenge a tax basis increase, Truett-Hurst will not be reimbursed for any payments previously made under the tax receivable agreement. As a result, in certain circumstances, payments could be made under the tax receivable agreement in excess of the benefits that Truett-Hurst actually realizes in respect of (i) the increases in tax basis resulting from our exchanges of LLC Units and (ii) certain other tax benefits related to our entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement.

## **Risks Related to Our Class A Common Stock**

*Our failure to meet the continued listing requirements of The NASDAQ Capital Market could result in a delisting of our Class A common stock.*

If we fail to satisfy the continued listing requirements of The NASDAQ Capital Market, such as the requirement that we maintain a share price of at least \$1.00 per share, NASDAQ may take steps to de-list our Class A common stock. Such a delisting would likely have a negative effect on the price of our Class A common stock and would impair your ability to sell or purchase our Class A common stock when you wish to do so. In the event of a delisting, we would expect to seek to take actions to restore our compliance with NASDAQ's listing requirements, but we can provide no assurance that any such action taken by us would allow our Class A common stock to become listed again, stabilize the market price or improve the liquidity of our Class A common stock or prevent our Class A common stock from dropping below the NASDAQ minimum bid price requirement in the future.

*We do not intend to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.*

We do not expect to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future. Payments of future dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of our board of directors after taking into account various factors, including our business, operating results and financial condition, current and anticipated cash needs, plans for expansion and any legal or contractual limitations on our ability to pay dividends. As a result, capital appreciation in the price of our Class A common stock, if any, may be the only source of gain on an investment in our Class A common stock.

Even if we decide in the future to pay any dividends, Truett-Hurst, Inc. is a holding company with no independent operations of its own except its controlling member equity interest in the LLC. As a result, Truett-Hurst, Inc. depends on H.D.D. LLC and its affiliates for cash to pay its obligations and make dividend payments. Deterioration in the financial condition, earnings or cash flow of H.D.D. LLC and its affiliates for any reason could limit or impair its ability to pay cash distributions or other distributions to us. In addition, our ability to pay dividends in the future is dependent upon our receipt of cash from H.D.D. LLC and its affiliates. H.D.D. LLC and its affiliates may be restricted from sending cash to us by, among other things, law or provisions of the documents governing our existing or future indebtedness.

*If securities or industry analysts stop publishing research or reports about our business, or if they downgrade their recommendations regarding our Class A common stock, our stock price and trading volume could decline.*

The trading market for our Class A common stock is influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us or our business. We have limited research coverage for our stock and it is difficult to attract research coverage for small-cap companies like ours. If any of the analysts who cover us downgrades our Class A common stock or publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our Class A common stock price may decline. If analysts cease coverage of us or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our Class A common stock price or trading volume to decline and our Class A common stock to be less liquid.

***The market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile and may be affected by market conditions beyond our control.***

The trading price of shares of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The trading price for many micro-cap and small-cap stocks tends to be volatile. As a result, the prevailing trading price of the shares of our common stock lower than prices paid by investors, depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be related to our operating performance. These fluctuations could cause investors to lose part or all of their investment in shares of our common stock. In addition, our operating results could be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors due to a number of potential factors, including variations in our quarterly operating results, departures of key management personnel, failure to meet analysts' earnings estimates, publication of research reports about our industry, litigation and government investigations, changes or proposed changes in laws or regulations or differing interpretations or enforcement thereof affecting our business, adverse market reaction to any indebtedness we may incur or securities we may issue in the future, and other factors. You may be unable to resell your shares of Class A common stock at or above the price you originally paid. In addition as a result of our market capitalization, among other factors, there is limited liquidity in the market for our common stock. As a result, even if you choose to sell your shares of Class A common stock, you may find it difficult to do so.

In past years, stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. In the past, following periods of volatility in the overall market and the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against these companies. This litigation, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources.

***You may be diluted by the future issuance of additional Class A common stock in connection with our incentive plans, acquisitions or otherwise.***

As of June 30, 2015, we have an aggregate of 11.0 million shares of Class A common stock authorized but unissued, including approximately 3.0 million shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exchange of outstanding LLC Units and 0.4 million shares reserved for issuance under our 2012 Incentive Plan. See Part II, Item 8, Note 13, “Stock-based Compensation” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our certificate of incorporation authorizes us to issue these shares of Class A common stock and restricted stock rights relating to Class A common stock for the consideration and on the terms and conditions established by our board of directors in its sole discretion. Any Class A common stock that we issue, including under our 2012 Incentive Plan or other equity incentive plans that we may adopt in the future, would dilute the percentage ownership held by then existing holders of our Class A common stock.

***We incur increased costs and demands upon management as a result of complying with the laws and regulations that affect public companies, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition, business and prospects.***

As a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company, including costs associated with public company reporting and corporate governance requirements. These requirements include compliance with Section 404 and other provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as well as rules implemented by the SEC and NASDAQ. In addition, our management team will also have to adapt to the requirements of being a public company. We expect that compliance with these rules and regulations will substantially increase our legal and financial compliance costs and will make some activities more time-consuming and costly.

The increased costs associated with operating as a public company will decrease our net income or increase our net loss, and may require us to reduce costs in other areas of our business or increase the prices of our products or services. Additionally, if these requirements divert our management’s attention from other business concerns, they could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition, business and prospects.

However, for as long as we remain an “emerging growth company” as defined in the JOBS Act, we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “emerging growth companies” including not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. We may take advantage of these reporting exemptions until we are no longer an “emerging growth company.”

***We will not be required to comply with certain provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for as long as we remain an “emerging growth company.”***

For as long as we remain an emerging growth company, we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation. We may take advantage of these reporting exemptions until we are no longer an emerging growth company. We will remain an emerging growth company for up to five years unless we no longer qualify for such status prior to that time. After we are no longer an emerging growth company, we expect to incur additional expenses and devote substantial management effort toward ensuring compliance with those requirements applicable to companies that are not emerging growth companies.

***Reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies may make our common stock less attractive to investors.***

As an “emerging growth company”, we take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “emerging growth companies” including not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. We cannot predict if investors will find our common stock less attractive as we rely on these exemptions. If some investors find our common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our common stock and our stock price may be more volatile.



### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

### **Item 2. Properties**

We own a 25-acre facility located at 5610 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, California, of which approximately 15 acres is used for growing grapes. The remainder of the facility is used for a tasting room, retail sales space, and office space for support staff. Although we have the infrastructure, such as electricity and access to water, necessary to operate a winery at this facility, we have not made the requisite capital expenditures for grape-crushing equipment. We believe that the facility can be used to expand our wine-making operations in the future.

We lease a winery located at 4035 Westside Road, Healdsburg, California which is approximately three acres. The term of the lease is five years commencing on March 1, 2011 and ending on February 29, 2016, with a tenant option to extend for an additional five-year period. On July 27, 2015 we exercised our option to extend the lease term through February 29, 2021. Our wine production operations and certain corporate offices are located at this facility.

We lease approximately 2,500 square feet for administrative offices at 125 Foss Creek Circle, Healdsburg, California. The lease commenced on October 15, 2013 and ends on October 31, 2016, and contains three one-year renewal options with adjustment to market rents.

We consider these facilities to be suitable and adequate for the management and operation of our business. For additional information related to leases, see Part II, Item 8, Note 8, "Commitments and Contingencies."

### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

#### **Litigation Matters**

We may be subject to various litigation matters arising in the ordinary course of business from time to time. The results of litigation and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, and unfavorable resolutions are possible and could materially affect our results of operations, cash flows or financial position. In addition, regardless of the outcome, litigation could have an adverse impact on us because of defense costs, diversion of management resources and other

factors. However, we are not aware of any current pending legal matters or claims, individually or in the aggregate, that are expected to have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

### **Indemnification Obligations**

Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws provide that we shall indemnify our directors and executive officers and shall indemnify our other officers and employees and other agents to the fullest extent permitted by law. We believe that indemnification under our bylaws covers at least negligence and gross negligence on the part of indemnified parties. Our bylaws also permit us to secure insurance on behalf of any officer, director, employee or other agent for any liability arising out of his or her actions in this capacity, regardless of whether our bylaws would permit indemnification.

We believe that these provisions are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as directors and executive officers. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling our company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the opinion of the SEC is that such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

In addition, we maintain standard policies of insurance under which coverage is provided to our directors and officers against loss arising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act, and to us with respect to payments which may be made by us to such directors and officers pursuant to the above indemnification provisions or otherwise as a matter of law. We maintain a Directors and Officers liability insurance policy which enables us to recover a portion of future indemnification claims paid, subject to retentions, conditions and limitations of those policies. In addition, we make available standard life insurance and accidental death and disability insurance policies to our employees.

### **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not Applicable.

## PART II

**Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.****Market Information and Holders**

Our Class A common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "THST". As of September 15, 2015, the record date for our 2015 annual meeting, there were approximately 22 holders of record of Class A common stock and 8 holders of record of Class B common stock. The following table sets forth, for the quarterly periods indicated, the high and low sales prices per share for our Class A common stock, as reported on The NASDAQ Capital Market:

Fiscal 2014	Low Price	High Price
Quarter ended 9/30/2013	\$ 4.60	\$ 6.00
Quarter ended 12/31/2013	\$ 3.39	\$ 5.55
Quarter ended 3/31/2014	\$ 4.16	\$ 6.15
Quarter ended 6/30/2014	\$ 4.71	\$ 5.37

Fiscal 2015	Low Price	High Price
Quarter ended 9/30/2014	\$4.10	\$6.00
Quarter ended 12/31/2014	\$3.72	\$5.74
Quarter ended 3/31/2015	\$2.05	\$4.28
Quarter ended 6/30/2015	\$2.21	\$3.28

As of September 15, 2015, the last reported sale price on the NASDAQ Capital Market for our common shares was \$1.60 per share. Our Class B common stock is not publicly traded.

**Dividend Policy**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently anticipate that we will retain all of our future earnings for use in the expansion and operation of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to declare cash dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors, subject to applicable law and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations,

capital requirements, general business conditions and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

We are a holding company and have no material assets other than our controlling member equity interest in the LLC. We intend to cause the LLC to make distributions to us in an amount sufficient to cover cash dividends, if any, declared by us. If the LLC makes such distributions to us, the other holders of LLC Units will be entitled to receive equivalent distributions.

#### **Item 6. Selected Financial Data**

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and are not required to provide the information required under this Item.

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to historical consolidated financial information, the following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions as described under the "Forward-Looking Statements" section that appears earlier in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including those discussed under Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Unless the context suggests otherwise, references in this report to "Truett-Hurst," the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer (1) prior to the June 2013 initial public offering ("IPO") of Truett-Hurst Inc. and related transactions, to the LLC and (2) after our IPO and related transactions, to Truett-Hurst Inc.

### Overview

We produce and sell premium, super-premium, ultra-premium and luxury wines and other select beverage alcohol products made from wine. The wine we make generally comes from grapes purchased from California based growers. In addition we purchase semi-finished bulk wine under contract and opportunistically on the spot market. On a more limited basis we also purchase finished goods from both foreign and domestic producers. We are headquartered in Sonoma County, California with tasting rooms in the Dry Creek and Russian River valleys. Our wines include Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon and are sold across a number of price points via three distinct distribution channels: three-tier, direct to consumer and internet. Our business model is a combination of direct to consumer sales, traditional three-tier brand sales and retail exclusive brand sales. We own, design and develop our brands, including those developed and sold on a retailer exclusive basis. Our brands are differentiated and marketed through innovative packaging and label designs.

Wine sales in the three-tier channel are sold to distributors with programs available to the broad market (domestic and international markets) or to specific retailers on an exclusive basis. Our traditional three-tier distribution business consists of sales of Truett-Hurst, VML, Healdsburg Ranches, Colby Red and Bradford Mountain branded wines. Through our retailer exclusive brand model we work with our retail partners to develop innovative brands which resonate with their customers and are intended to increase store traffic and expand exclusive brand sales. Our retail exclusive model allows us to own the brands we create, which we believe differentiates us from the traditional private label model, and allows us the option of expanding the brands into national and international broad markets, thereby further building our brand equity. Our direct to consumer channel consists of sales through our tasting rooms, wine clubs and via the internet.

## Formation Transactions

On June 19, 2013, the limited liability company agreement of the LLC was amended and restated to, among other things, modify its capital structure by replacing the different classes of interests previously held by our then-existing owners with a single new class of units that we refer to as “LLC Units.” We and our then-existing owners also entered into an exchange agreement under which (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement) they have the right to exchange their LLC Units for shares of our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications.

At June 30, 2015, there were 3.0 million LLC Units held by parties other than THI which upon exercise of the right to exchange would exchange for Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. During FY15, certain members converted 0.2 million LLC units into Class A common stock. At June 30, 2015, our founders and affiliates control 48% of the voting power of our outstanding Class A common stock and our outstanding Class B common stock. Prior to conversion of their LLC Units, each holder of LLC Units holds a single share of our Class B common stock. Accordingly, our founders and affiliates have significant influence on the election of the members of our board of directors, and thereby of our management and affairs.

In connection with our IPO, one share of Class B common stock was distributed to each existing holder of LLC Units, each of which provides its owner with no economic rights but entitles the holder, without regard to the number of shares of Class B common stock held by such holder, to one vote on matters presented to our stockholders for each LLC Unit held by such holder. Holders of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class on all matters presented to our stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable law.

## **Exchange Agreement**

Prior to the completion of the IPO, we entered into an exchange agreement with the existing owners of the LLC, several of whom are directors and/or officers. Under the exchange agreement, each LLC member (and certain permitted transferees thereof) may (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement), exchange their LLC Units for shares of Class A common stock of the Company on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications, or for cash, at our election. As a holder exchanges their LLC Units, our interest in the LLC will be correspondingly increased. Through June 30, 2015, certain LLC members have exchanged 1.1 million LLC units, on a one-for-one basis, for shares of Class A common stock of the Company, under the exchange agreement.

## **Tax Receivable Agreement**

Prior to the completion of the IPO, we entered into a tax receivable agreement with the LLC members. The agreement provides for the payment from time to time by us, as "corporate taxpayer," to holders of LLC Units of 90% of the amount of the benefits, if any, that the corporate taxpayer is deemed to realize as a result of (i) increases in tax basis resulting from the exchange of LLC Units and (ii) certain other tax benefits related to us entering into the agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the agreement. These payment obligations are obligations of the corporate taxpayer and not of the LLC. For purposes of the agreement, the benefit deemed realized by the corporate taxpayer will be computed by comparing the actual income tax liability of the corporate taxpayer (calculated with certain assumptions) to the amount of such taxes that the corporate taxpayer would have been required to pay had there been no increase to the tax basis of the assets of the LLC as a result of the exchanges, and had the corporate taxpayer not entered into the agreement. The term of the agreement will continue until all such tax benefits have been utilized or expired, unless the corporate taxpayer exercises its right to terminate the agreement for an amount based on the agreed payments remaining to be made under the agreement or the corporate taxpayer breaches any of its material obligations under the agreement in which case all obligations will generally be accelerated and due as if the corporate taxpayer had exercised its right to terminate the agreement.

We will be required to pay the counterparties to the tax receivable agreement for certain tax benefits we may claim arising in connection with current exchanges, future purchases or exchanges of LLC Units and related transactions, and the amounts we may pay could be significant.

H.D.D. LLC intends to make an election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") effective for each taxable year in which an exchange of LLC Units for shares of Class A common stock as described above occurs, which may result in an adjustment to the tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC at the time of an exchange of LLC Units. As a result of these exchanges, Truett-Hurst Inc. will become entitled to a proportionate share of the existing tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC. In addition, the purchase of Holdings Units and subsequent exchanges are

expected to result in increases in the tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC that otherwise would not have been available.

Both this proportionate share and these increases in tax basis may reduce the amount of tax that Truett-Hurst Inc. would otherwise be required to pay in the future. These increases in tax basis may also decrease gains (or increase losses) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis is allocated to those capital assets.

We recorded deferred tax assets of \$6.4 million related to the exchange of 1.1 million LLC units for an equal amount of THI Class A common stock since our IPO. We recorded a \$5.7 million long-term liability due to LLC unit holders who converted their units to shares which represents 90% of the estimated tax benefits and \$0.6 million for the difference in the recorded deferred tax asset and computed TRA liability and recorded as an adjustment to equity. Additionally, we recorded a valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets for \$6.4 million as it was determined that it was more likely than not that the tax benefits would not be realized, which resulted in corresponding adjustments to the TRA liability and equity as mentioned above.

## **Reporting Segments**

Our primary reporting segments are identified by each distinct distribution channel: wholesale, retail, and internet. For details, see “Net Sales” and Note 16, “Significant Customer Information, Segment Reporting and Geographic Information,” to the Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## **Results of Operations**

### **Factors Affecting Our Operating Results**

Our net sales are affected by advertising, discounts and promotions, merchandising, packaging and in the wholesale segment, the availability of display space at our retailer customers, all of which have a significant impact on consumers’ buying decisions. Continued growth of our net sales and profits will depend, substantially, on the continued popularity of our new and existing brands, our ability to effectively manage our sales by channel, and our ability to maintain product supply to meet demand.



***Fiscal 2015 compared to Fiscal 2014****Net Sales*

Net sales include sales from each distribution channel. The following table compares net sales by distribution channel:

Distribution Channel	For the years ended		Increase (Decrease)	% Change	
	2015	2014			
Wholesale	\$16,803	\$15,808	\$ 995	6.3	%
Direct to consumer	4,839	4,038	801	19.8	%
Internet	4,984	2,211	2,773	125.4	%
Total net sales	\$26,626	\$22,057	\$ 4,569	20.7	%

Total net sales increased 20.7% from FY14 to FY15 with growth experienced in each of our distribution channels.

Wholesale net sales increased 6.3% in FY15 compared to FY14. The FY15 sales were impacted by the lack of availability of paper bottles to support sales of our Paper Boy brand as FY14 contained Paper Boy sales. Additionally, net sales in FY15 were impacted by the loss contingency accrual associated with our Paper Boy brand of \$0.6 million.

Direct to consumer net sales increased 19.8% in FY15 due to increased wine club memberships and increased tasting room traffic.

Internet net sales increased 125.4% in FY15 compared FY14. The increase was attributed to expansion of our customer reach through a partnership model and website traffic. In the first three quarters of FY15 we experienced significant percentage increases for internet sales. During the fourth quarter of FY15, the primary partnership that we had ended and we experienced significantly lower sales in the fourth quarter of FY15. We do not expect to see the pace of sales to recover from those experienced in the fourth quarter.

International sales were 8% of our wholesale net sales in both FY15 and FY14.

We record sales discounts and depletion allowances as a reduction of sales at the time of the sale. For FY15 and FY14, sales discounts and depletion allowances totaled \$4.1 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. We anticipate an increase in the aggregate dollar amount of sales discounts and depletion allowances in the upcoming fiscal year due to increased wholesale sales.

*Cost of Sales*

Costs of sales includes costs associated with direct and indirect grape growing costs, grapes purchased from vineyards we do not own, bulk wine and finished goods purchases, packaging materials, and direct and indirect winemaking production costs. No further costs are allocated to inventory once the product is bottled and ready for sale. The following table compares cost of sales by distribution channel:

Distribution Channel	For the years ended				% Change
	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)		
Wholesale	\$13,415	\$11,668	\$ 1,747	15.0	%
Direct to consumer	1,768	1,565	203	13.0	%
Internet	2,702	1,395	1,307	93.7	%
Total cost of sales	\$17,885	\$14,628	\$ 3,257	22.3	%

Wholesale and direct to consumer sales cost of sales increased compared to the same prior-year period and was attributable to the sales mix, volume, increased tasting room traffic and a \$0.8 million inventory write-downs of the Paperboy product and the CA Winecraft product. Internet cost of sales increase was due to its sales mix and pricing model.

### *Gross Profit / Gross Profit Margin*

The following tables compare gross profit and gross profit margins by channel:

Distribution Channel	For the years ended (in thousands, except percentages)				
	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	% Change	
Wholesale	\$3,388	\$4,140	\$ (752 )	-18.2	%
Direct to consumer	3,071	2,473	598	24.2	%
Internet	2,282	816	1,466	179.7	%
Total gross profit	\$8,741	\$7,429	\$ 1,312	17.7	%

Distribution Channel	For the years ended (in thousands, except percentages)					
	2015		2014		Increase (Decrease)	
Wholesale	20.2	%	26.2	%	-6.0	%
Direct to consumer	63.5	%	61.2	%	2.3	%
Internet	45.8	%	36.9	%	8.9	%
Overall gross margin percent of net sales	32.8	%	33.7	%	-0.9	%

Wholesale gross profit margins in FY15 declined by 6.0% from FY14. The impact of the Paperboy related loss accrual charge (\$0.6 million) and the Paper Boy related inventory write-down (\$0.2 million) was significant to the reported margins in FY15. Additionally, wholesale margins were negatively impacted by the writedown of inventories related to the CA Winecraft product totaling (\$0.6 million) as well as the overall lower margin of the CA Winecraft product launch in FY15. Wholesale margins will also have swings due to sales mix.

Direct to consumer gross profit margins increased compared to the same prior-year period and was attributable to sales mix and selected price increases associated with certain vintage transitions.

The internet gross profit margin increased year over year based on improved purchasing dynamics experienced primarily in the first three quarters of FY15 when the internet segment was experiencing significantly higher sales levels.

### *Sales and Marketing*

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of non-production personnel costs, advertising and other marketing promotions. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. For FY15 and FY14, advertising expense totaled approximately \$0.6 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. Sales and marketing expenses for the FY15 and FY14 periods are as follows:

	For the years ended (in thousands, except percentages)			
	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Sales and marketing	\$7,035	\$5,482	\$ 1,553	28.3 %
Percentage of net sales	26.4 %	24.9 %		

Sales and marketing expense increased approximately \$1.6 million or 28.3% in FY15 compared FY14. A significant portion of the increase is due to the variable expenses associated with our sales in our internet segment (i.e., shipping, credit card transaction fees and sales commissions). We have also had incremental investment in sales personnel, travel and entertainment, and brand related programming, promotions and incentives.

We report the amounts billed to our customers for shipping and handling as sales, and we report the costs we incur for shipping and handling as a sales and marketing expense. For FY15 and FY14, shipping costs were \$1.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

### *General and administrative*

General and administrative expenses include the costs associated with our administrative staff and other expenses related to our non-manufacturing functions. General and administrative expenses for the FY15 and FY14 periods are as follows:

	For the years ended (in thousands, except percentages)			
	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
General and administrative	\$3,432	\$2,699	\$ 733	27.2 %
Percentage of net sales	12.9 %	12.2 %		

General and administrative expense increased 27.2% or \$0.7 million in FY15 compared to FY14. There were increases year over year in personnel related expenses, legal expenses as well as non-cash stock compensation expense of approximately \$0.1 million in FY15 when compared to FY14.

### *Loss on Deposit*

On March 5, 2014, a paper bottle supplier entered into administration in the United Kingdom (“U.K.”), a process similar to the U.S. bankruptcy process. As a result of the administrative filing, we recorded a one-time provision for loss on deposit of approximately \$0.5 million relating to amounts previously paid in advance and for estimated legal costs for filing a U.K. administrative claim. Our policy is to include direct costs associated with the provision. We are unable at this time to predict the legal outcome of our claim and believe it is unlikely that any amount will be recovered. For additional information see “Supply Contract” and “Note 8 — Commitments and Contingencies” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### *Interest Expense*

Interest expense for FY15 was \$0.3 million compared to \$0.2 million for the same prior-year period.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### *General*

Our primary sources of available cash are from operations, the revolving loan portion of our bank loans, equipment financing and equity offerings. Our primary cash needs are to fund working capital requirements (primarily inventory), capital expenditures for barrels and other equipment to facilitate increased production, repay our indebtedness (interest and principal payments) and operating expenses. We are able to borrow against our working capital assets (accounts receivable and inventory) via an asset based bank loan. The actual wine programs and segments in which the grapes and bulk wine procured will be used are not known until our winemaker has completed the winemaking, blending and oak aging production process. It is not possible to accurately assign inventory to each segment because the bottled inventory may be sold in multiple segments.

For the years ended 2015 to 2014  
(in thousands, except percentages)

	2015	2014	Inc (Dec)	%
Working capital	\$13,028	\$15,296	\$(2,268)	-14.8%
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,679	\$5,567	\$(3,888)	-69.8%

Borrowings under our credit facilities are at the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”), plus a credit spread. Borrowings under the equipment line of credit are converted to term notes, annually. For information regarding the loans and loan guarantees see below “Indebtedness” and “Security Agreements and Limited Guarantees” and “Note 8 – Commitments and Contingencies” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The availability is subject to our compliance with certain contractual financial and non-financial covenants. The terms of our bank loans require, among other things, compliance with certain financial covenants, including, without limitation, a minimum current assets to current liabilities ratio (measured quarterly), debt to effective tangible net worth ratio (measured quarterly), debt service coverage ratio (measured annually) and minimum EBITDA (measured at December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016).

Working capital decreased \$2.3 million for FY15 from \$15.3 million for the comparable prior-year period. The decrease in working capital was attributable to fund operations and offset by an increase in inventories. Cash decreased by \$3.9 million to \$1.7 million at the end of FY15 from \$5.6 million at the end of FY14.

We may purchase barrels and or equipment in the next twelve months. We have experienced no material trends or changes in the type or cost of our capital resources. We believe that our cash position and availability under our bank

loan and equipment line of credit will be adequate to finance working capital needs and planned capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months. We may, however, require additional liquidity as we continue to execute our business strategy. We anticipate that, to the extent that we require additional liquidity, it will be funded through the incurrence of indebtedness, additional equity financings or a combination of these potential sources of liquidity, although no assurance can be given that such forms of capital will be available to us, or available to us on terms which are acceptable, at such time.

***Cash Flows***

A summary of cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the periods indicated are shown in the following table:

	For the years ended 2015 to 2014		
	(in thousands)		
	2015	2014	Inc (Dec)
Net cash used in operating activities	\$(2,916)	\$(6,919)	\$ 4,003
Net cash used in investing activities	\$(999 )	\$(754 )	\$ (245 )
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$27	\$1,870	\$ (1,843 )



## **Operating Activities**

Net cash used in operating activities decreased \$4.0 million for FY15 compared to the same prior-year end period.

The decrease in operating cash usage in FY15 was primarily driven by change in working capital. There was an increase in inventory and a decrease bulk wine deposit versus FY14. Accounts receivable was a source of cash in FY15 versus a use of cash in FY14. Accounts payable and accrued expenses also provided \$1.0 million to operating cash in FY15 versus being a use of cash in FY14. The reduction in accounts payable and accrued expenses in FY14 was primarily due to IPO related expenses from FY13 that were paid in FY14. Operating activity for the year includes a non-cash add back for the reserve for obsolete inventories in the amount of \$0.6 related to the CA Winecraft product.

## **Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities decreased \$0.2 million for FY15 compared to the same prior-year end period.

In addition to barrel purchases, we acquired full control of the Stonegate brand and invested in long lived assets associated with brands including but not limited to CA Winecraft and the Republic of Wine.

## **Financing Activities**

Net cash provided by financing activities decreased \$1.8 million for FY15 compared to the same prior-year end period. In FY14, the line of credit borrowing increased by \$1.8 million versus an increase of \$0.3 million in FY15. In FY15, we repaid \$0.3 million in scheduled amortization of other debt while other debt increased by \$0.2 million in FY14.

## **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

## **Financing Agreements**

*Indebtedness*

Our indebtedness is comprised primarily of bank loans. As of June 30, 2015, we were engaged in refinancing our bank loans and obtaining an additional Equipment Purchase Line of Credit for our capital expenditure needs in fiscal 2016. On July 15, 2015, we completed the refinancing process with our lender, Bank of the West. Below is a description of the loans as of June 30, 2015 as well as those put in place as of July 15, 2015.

For information regarding the loan guarantees see below “Security Agreements and Limited Guarantees” below and Part II, Item 8, Note 8, “Commitments and Contingencies,” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*Bank Loans.*

*Line of Credit Note:*

As of June 30, 2015, we had a \$9 million revolving line of credit with a maturity date of July 31, 2015 with an annual interest rate of 1.75% above LIBOR on the outstanding balance. On July 15, 2015, the line of credit commitment was increased to \$10 million and the maturity date was extended to July 31, 2016. The outstanding balance on the new revolving line of credit accrues interest at an increased annual rate of 2.25% above LIBOR.

*Equipment Purchase Line of Credit Note:*

As of June 30, 2015, we had a \$0.5 million equipment purchase line of credit note that was fully drawn and accrued interest at a rate of 2.25% above the floating One-Month LIBOR Rate. This Equipment Purchase Line of Credit matured July 31, 2016 and converted to a term loan with a 48-month amortization schedule.

On July 15, 2015, we received a new Equipment Purchase Line of Credit Note in the amount of \$0.5 million that matures on July 31, 2016. The outstanding balance on the Equipment Purchase Line of Credit Note accrues interest at a rate of 2.25% above the floating One-Month LIBOR Rate.

*Foreign Exchange Note:*

As of June 30, 2015, we had a foreign exchange note in the principal amount of \$0.1 million from the bank due on or before July 31, 2015 that carried a 10% credit percentage and permitted us to enter into any spot or forward transaction to purchase from or sell to the bank a foreign currency of an agreed amount. There was no balance outstanding on the Foreign Exchange Note. On July 15, 2015, the maturity date of the Foreign Exchange Note was extended to July 31, 2016 and the rate was increased to 15%.

The bank loans contains usual and customary covenants, including, among others, limitations on incurrence of senior indebtedness, the making of loans and advances, investments, acquisitions, and capital expenditures, the incurrence of liens, the consummation of mergers and asset sales; and changes in business and activities. In addition, the bank loans contains negative and financial covenants, including, without limitation, a minimum current assets to current liabilities ratio (measured quarterly), debt to effective tangible net worth ratio (measured quarterly), and debt service coverage ratio (measured annually). The bank loans obtained on July 15, 2015 also include a minimum EBITDA covenant to be measured on December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

*Covenant Breaches*

While our bank loans as of June 30, 2015 included a minimum debt service coverage ratio, we refinanced those loans before the debt service covenant was measured with new loans that do not require a debt service coverage ratio test as of June 30, 2015.

For additional information related to our bank loans, see Part II, Item 8, Note 8, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*Security Agreements and Limited Guaranties*

In connection with our entry into the Bank of the West Loan on July 16, 2012, certain of our executive officers, as well as certain trusts and other entities under their respective control, had entered into guarantee agreements. A number of these guarantees were modified when we renewed our loans with Bank of the West on July 15, 2015. When the guarantees were modified the limited guaranty from the Hambrecht Trust and the unlimited guaranty from Hambrecht Wine Group were released. The guarantees in place as of July 15, 2015 are described below.

*Limited Guaranty – Hurst Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Hurst Trust , a member of the LLC, and Phillip L. Hurst , director and CEO of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and a co-trustee of the Hurst Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Hurst Trust and Mr. Hurst, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Hurst Trust and Mr. Hurst, as guarantor, is limited to 61% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guarantee.

*Limited Guaranty – Dolan 2005 Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Dolan 2005 Trust, a member of the LLC, and Heath E. Dolan, a director of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and a co-trustee of the Dolan 2005 Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Dolan 2005 Trust and Mr. Dolan, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Dolan 2005 Trust and Mr. Dolan, as guarantor, is limited to 23% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guarantee.

*Limited Guaranty – Dolan 2003 Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Dolan 2003 Trust, a member of the LLC, and Paul E. Dolan, III , a director of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and trustee of the Dolan 2003 Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Dolan 2003 Trust and Mr. Dolan, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Dolan 2003 Trust and Mr. Dolan, as guarantor, is limited to 23% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guarantee.

*Limited Guaranty – Carroll-Obremskey Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Carroll-Obremskey Trust, a member of the LLC, and Daniel A. Carroll, a director of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and a co-trustee of the Carroll-Obremskey Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Carroll-Obremskey Trust and Mr. Carroll, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Carroll-Obremskey Trust and Mr. Carroll, as guarantor, is limited to 48% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guarantee.

### **Concentration of Credit Risk and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and accounts receivables. We maintain our accounts for cash principally at one major bank in the United States. Historically, our daily cash balances have been small due to our sweep arrangement with the line of credit. We have not experienced any losses on our deposits of cash. Although we try to limit the amount of credit exposure with our major bank, we do in the normal course of business maintain cash balances in excess of federally insured limits.

Our accounts receivable consists primarily of trade receivables from customers who tend to be large distributors. We review accounts receivable regularly and make estimates for allowance for doubtful accounts when there is doubt as to the collectability of individual balances. We believe our accounts receivable credit risk exposure is limited and we have not experienced significant accounts receivable write offs.

### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

We do not have off-balance sheet risks related to foreign exchange contracts, option contracts or other foreign hedging arrangements.

### ***Leases and Commitments***

We lease a winery, tasting room facility, office space and certain office equipment. We enter into short and long-term contracts to supply a portion of our future grapes and bulk wine inventory requirements with third parties and related party growers. The following table presents future minimum inventory commitments as of June 30, 2015:

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Years ending June 30:	Third Parties	Related Parties	Total
	(in thousands)		
2016	\$4,872	\$491	\$5,363
2017	1,040	479	1,519
2018	388	480	868
2019	191	273	464
Thereafter	-	-	-
Total	\$6,491	\$1,723	\$8,214

*Supply Contract*

On February 26, 2013, we executed a supply of goods agreement for our paper wine bottle. The term of the agreement was seven years and the minimum purchase commitment for the first two years was \$0.8 million for each year. At March 5, 2014, the supplier entered into administration in the United Kingdom (“U.K.”), a process similar to the U.S. bankruptcy process and subsequently terminated the supply contract. As a result of the administrative filing, we recorded a one-time provision for loss on deposit of approximately \$0.5 million relating to amounts previously paid in advance and for estimated legal costs to file a U.K. administrative claim. Our policy is to include direct costs associated with the provision. We believe the financial impact is isolated to the third quarter of fiscal 2014.

On February 18, 2014, we entered into a two-year supply agreement (with three, one-year renewal options) with a U.S. supplier and we believed the supply relationship would provide the volume to meet our PaperBoy sales goals. Due to their failure to perform, this contract has been terminated and no go forward financial liability exists.

At June 30, 2015, total future purchase commitments for finished goods total approximately \$5.3 million and are expected to be fulfilled during fiscal 2015 to 2017.

### ***Production***

We enter into various contracts with third party service providers for grape crushing and bottling. The costs are recorded in the period for which the service is provided. The actual costs related to custom crush services are based on volume. Our current contract for custom crush only covers the 2015 harvest. Our current bottling contract requires a minimum of 200,000 cases at \$2.40 per case to be bottled in a one year period.

### **Effects of Inflation and Changing Prices**

Our results of operations and financial condition have not been significantly affected by inflation and changing prices. We intend to pass along rising costs through increased selling prices, subject to normal competitive conditions. There can be no assurances, however, that we will be able to pass along rising costs through increased selling prices. In addition, we continue to identify on-going cost savings initiatives.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at fiscal year-end and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the fiscal year. Significant estimates include inventory valuation, equity-based compensation, contingencies, income tax and deferred tax asset and liability valuation and fair value measurements for goodwill and other long-lived assets used in our initial recording and evaluation of impairment for such assets. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that management believes are reasonable under the given circumstances. These estimates could be materially different under different conditions and

assumptions. Additionally, the actual amounts could differ from the estimates made. Management periodically evaluates estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements for continued reasonableness. We prospectively apply appropriate adjustments, if any, to our estimates based upon our periodic evaluation.

Our critical accounting policies include:

### *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

The terms of our bank loans require, among other things, compliance with certain financial covenants, including, without limitation, a minimum current assets to current liabilities ratio (measured quarterly), debt to effective tangible net worth ratio (measured quarterly), debt service coverage ratio (measured annually), and minimum EBITDA (measured December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016). For additional information related to our bank loans, see Part II, Item 8, Note 8, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### *Accounts Receivable*

Accounts receivable consists primarily of trade receivables from customers who tend to be large distributors. We review accounts receivable regularly and make estimates for allowance for doubtful accounts when there is doubt as to the collectability of individual balances. In evaluating the collectability of individual receivable balances, we consider many factors, including the age of the balance, the customer's historical payment history, its current credit worthiness, and current economic trends. Bad debts are written off after all collection efforts have ceased. We generally do not require collateral from our customers. We do not accrue interest on past-due amounts. An allowance for doubtful accounts was not recorded for FY15 and FY14, as bad debts have historically been negligible.



### ***Inventories***

Inventories consist primarily of bulk and bottled wine, capitalized cultural costs, merchandise and purchased grapes valued at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out or specific identification method. In accordance with general wine industry practice, bulk and bottled wine inventories are included in current assets, although a portion of such inventories may be aged for a period longer than one year. Costs related to growing grapes on our vineyards are reflected in inventories as capitalized cultural costs. Upon completion of the harvest, these costs are included in bulk wine. Costs associated with winemaking and the production of wine are reflected in inventories as bulk wine until the wine has been bottled and is available for sale.

We assess the valuation of our inventories and reduce the carrying value of those inventories that are obsolete or in excess of our forecasted usage to its estimated net realizable value. We estimate the net realizable value of such inventories based on analyses and assumptions including, but not limited to, historical usage, future demand and market requirements. Reductions to the carrying value of inventories are recorded in cost of product sold. If the future demand for our products is less favorable than our forecasts, then the value of the inventories may be required to be reduced, which could result in material additional expense and may have a material adverse impact on our financial statements.

### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the asset, principally twenty to forty years for building and improvements, five years for machinery and equipment, seven to fifteen years for vineyard development, ten to twenty years for vineyard equipment, five to ten years for furniture and fixtures, the shorter of estimated useful life or lease term, generally five years for leasehold improvements and five years for vehicles. Costs incurred in developing vineyards are capitalized and depreciation commences when the related vineyard becomes commercially productive.

Expenditures for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Gains and losses from disposition of property and equipment are included as a component of income (loss) from operations.

### ***Impairment of Long-lived Assets***

We review our long-lived assets for impairment, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value.

### ***Goodwill and Intangible Assets***

We review our goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets annually for impairment, or sooner, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. We use April 1 as our annual impairment test measurement date. In other periods we measure goodwill and intangible for impairment if changes in business circumstances require us to do so. Indefinite lived intangible assets consist primarily of trademarks. Intangible assets determined to have a finite life are amortized over their estimated useful lives, principally four years for the customer lists and non-compete agreement, five years for proprietary technology and ten years for the trademark. Patents will be amortized over their estimated legal lives.

### ***Other Assets***

Other assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, principally five years for label design costs, the lesser of the loan term or ten years for loan fees, ten years for lease costs – related party, and five years for website design costs. Label designs are evaluated for impairment in accordance with our policy on impairment of long lived assets.

### ***Revenue Recognition***

We recognize wine sales when the product is shipped and title passes to the customer. Our standard terms are 'FOB' shipping point, with no customer acceptance provisions. The cost of price promotions and discounts are treated as reductions of sales. No products are sold on consignment. Credit sales are recorded as trade accounts receivable and no collateral is required. Net sales from items sold through our retail locations are recognized at the time of sale.

### ***Sales Discounts and Depletion Allowances***

We record sales discounts and depletion allowances as a reduction of sales at the time of the sale. For FY15 and FY14, sales discounts and depletion allowances totaled \$4.1 million and \$1.7 million, respectively.

### ***Cost of Sales***

Cost of sales includes costs associated with grape growing, grapes purchased from vineyards we do not own, bulk wine and finished goods purchases, packaging materials, winemaking and production costs, vineyard and production administrative support and overhead costs, purchasing and receiving costs and certain warehousing costs. No further costs are allocated to inventory once the product is bottled and available for sale. Inventory reserves and provisions are included in cost of sales.

### ***Expense Allocation***

The LLC Operating Agreement provides that substantially all expenses incurred by or attributable to our company, income tax expenses and payments on indebtedness are borne by the LLC.

### ***Sales and Marketing Expense***

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of non-manufacturing personnel, advertising and other marketing promotions. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. For FY15 and FY14, advertising expense totaled approximately \$0.6 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

### ***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses include the costs associated with our administrative staff and other expenses related to our non-manufacturing functions.

***Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs***

We report the amounts billed to our customers for shipping and handling as sales, and we report the costs we incur for shipping and handling as a sales and marketing expense. Our gross margins may not be comparable to other companies in the same industry as other companies may include shipping and handling costs as a cost of sales. For FY15 and FY14, shipping costs were \$1.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

### *Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Asset Valuation*

The LLC is treated as a partnership under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The members separately account for their pro-rata share of income, deductions, losses, and credits. Therefore, no provision is made for the LLC’s share of net income (loss) in the consolidated financial statements for liabilities for federal, state, or local income taxes which liabilities are the responsibility of the individual members. The LLC is subject to entity level taxation in the state of California. As a result, the accompanying consolidated statements of income include tax expense related to this state. Subsequent to June 26 2013, Truett-Hurst, Inc. became subject to U.S. federal, state, and local taxes with respect to its allocable share of any taxable income of H.D.D. LLC and will be taxed at the prevailing corporate rates.

The provision for income taxes is calculated using the asset and liability method of accounting. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amount of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. In assessing net deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The net deferred tax asset is evaluated at the end of each year considering all available positive and negative evidence, including reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies, and results of recent operations. When we do not believe the realization of a deferred tax asset is likely, we record a valuation allowance. During the fiscal year, we recorded a valuation allowance of \$6.7 million as it was determined that it was more likely than not that the tax benefits would not be realized. This is an increase of \$3.7 million from the \$3.0 million recorded in FY14.

We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and state jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in evaluating our uncertain tax positions and determining its provision for income taxes. Accounting for income tax uncertainties requires a two-step approach to recognize and measure uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than fifty percent likely of being realized upon settlement.

We adjust the reserves in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the closing of a tax audit or the refinement of an estimate. To the extent that the final tax outcome of these matters is different than the amounts recorded, such differences will impact the provision for income taxes in the period in which such determination is made. The provision for income taxes includes the impact of reserve provisions as well as related interest and penalties.

As of June 30, 2015, there are no material uncertain tax positions and we expect no major changes in the next 12 months. We file income tax returns in the U.S. federal and the state jurisdiction of California. For Truett-Hurst, Inc., U.S. federal and state tax returns associated with fiscal year ended 2013 are currently open to examination. US federal and state tax returns for H.D.D. LLC associated with calendars years ended 2011-2014 are currently open to examination.

### ***Stock-Based Compensation***

Stock-based compensation is recognized in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 718 – *Compensation – Stock Compensation* (“ASC Topic 718”). ASC Topic 718 requires the measurement of compensation for stock-based awards based on the estimated fair values at the grant date for equity classified awards and the recognition of the related compensation expense over the appropriate vesting period. Under ASC Topic 718, compensation expense is based, among other things, on (i) the classification of an award, (ii) assumptions relating to fair value measurement such as the value of the stock of Truett-Hurst and its volatility, the expected term of the award and forfeiture rates, and (iii) whether performance criteria, if any, have been met. We use both internal and external data to assess compensation expense. Changes in these estimates could significantly impact stock based compensation expense in the future. The expected term of the option is based upon the contractual term, expected employee exercise and expected post-vesting employment termination behavior.

We account for equity instruments issued to non-employees in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 505-50, *Equity Based Payments to Non-Employees*. Equity instruments issued to non-employees are recorded at their fair value on the measurement date and are subject to periodic market adjustments as the underlying equity instruments vest.

## Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2015-05: Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer’s Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement (“ASU 2015-05”). The amendments in this update provide guidance to customers about whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. If a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, the update specifies that the customer should account for the software license element of the arrangement consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. The update further specifies that the customer should account for a cloud computing arrangement as a service contract if the arrangement does not include a software license. ASU 2015-05 will be effective for us in FY16. We are in the process of assessing the future impact of this update to the consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03: Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs (“ASU 2015-03”). The update sets forth a requirement that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs is not affected by the amendments in this update. ASU 2015-03 will be effective for us in FY16. We are in the process of assessing the future impact of this update to the consolidated financial statements.

In August, 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15 to clarify the SEC staff’s position on presenting and measuring debt issuance costs incurred in connection with line-of-credit arrangements given the lack of guidance on this topic in ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The SEC staff has announced that it would “not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement.”

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15: Presentation of Financial Statements—Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity’s Ability to Continue as a Going Concern. The update sets forth a requirement for management to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern or to provide related footnote disclosures. ASU 2014-15 will be effective for us in FY17. We are in the process of assessing the future impact of this update to the consolidated financial statements.

We have reviewed all recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting pronouncements and we do not believe the future adoption of any such pronouncements may be expected to cause a material impact on our financial condition or the results of our operations.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and are not required to provide the information required under this Item.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

The financial statements required by this item are set forth in Item 15 of this annual report and are incorporated herein by reference.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

*To the Board of Directors and Stockholders, Truett-Hurst, Inc.*

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Truett-Hurst, Inc. and subsidiaries (“the Company”) as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended June 30, 2015. The Company’s management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Truett-Hurst, Inc. and subsidiaries as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended June 30, 2015, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc.

Santa Rosa, California

September 28, 2015

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands, except share data)**

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,679	\$ 5,567
Accounts receivable	2,797	3,300
Inventories	22,127	17,179
Bulk wine deposit	345	1,424
Other current assets	316	161
Total current assets	27,264	27,631
Property and equipment, net	5,751	5,553
Intangible assets, net	481	629
Other assets, net	407	381
Goodwill	-	134
Total assets	\$ 33,903	\$ 34,328
<b>LIABILITIES and EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Credit facilities	\$ 9,034	\$ 8,685
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,176	3,194
Accrual for sales returns	524	-
Due to related parties	134	56
Related party note	-	67
Current maturities of long-term debt	368	333
Total current liabilities	14,236	12,335
Deferred rent liability	26	48
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	3,272	3,527
Total liabilities	17,534	15,910
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Equity:		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, par value of \$0.001 per share, 5,000,000 shares authorized, zero issued and outstanding at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014	-	-

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Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 15,000,000 authorized, 4,010,120 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2015 and 3,750,472 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2014	4		4	
Class B common stock, par value of \$0.001 per share, 1,000 authorized, 8 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2015 and 9 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2014	-		-	
Additional paid-in capital	14,618		14,057	
Accumulated deficit	(5,356)	)	(3,995)	)
Total Truett Hurst, Inc. equity	9,266		10,066	
Non controlling interests	7,103		8,352	
Total equity	16,369		18,418	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 33,903		\$ 34,328	

*See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.*

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(In thousands, except share data)**

	For the years ended	
	June 30,	
	2015	2014
Sales	\$27,380	\$22,564
Less excise tax	(754 )	(507 )
Net sales	26,626	22,057
Cost of sales	17,885	14,628
Gross profit	8,741	7,429
Operating expenses:		
Sales and marketing	7,035	5,482
General and administrative	3,432	2,699
Provision for loss of deposit	-	490
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	361	-
Impairment of other assets	112	-
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets	12	(3 )
Total operating expenses	10,952	8,668
Loss from operations	(2,211 )	(1,239 )
Other expense:		
Interest expense, net	(286 )	(170 )
Other	(111 )	(56 )
Total other expense	(397 )	(226 )
Loss before income taxes	(2,608 )	(1,465 )
Income tax expense (benefit)	2	(181 )
Net loss	(2,610 )	(1,284 )
Net loss attributable to non controlling interest: The Wine Spies, LLC	(162 )	(118 )
Net loss attributable to Truett-Hurst, Inc. and H.D.D. LLC	(2,448 )	(1,166 )
Less: Net loss attributable to non controlling interest: H.D.D. LLC	(1,087 )	(638 )
Net loss attributable to Truett-Hurst, Inc.	\$(1,361 )	\$(528 )
Net loss per share:		
Basic and diluted	\$(0.35 )	\$(0.15 )
Weighted average shares used in computing net loss per share:		
Basic and diluted shares	3,862,214	3,621,455

*See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.*

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**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

(In thousands, except share data)

	Class A	Class B		Additional	Accumulated	Non-controlling	Total	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Paid-In	Deficit	Interest	Stockholders'	
				Capital			Equity	
							(Deficit)	
Balances at July 1, 2013	2,700,000	\$ 3	10	\$ -	\$ 10,977	\$ (3,467 )	\$ 11,711	\$ 19,224
Vesting of Class A restricted stock	112,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conversion of LLC units for Class A common stock	938,472	1	-	-	2,603	-	(2,603 )	1
Forfeiture of Class B common stock	-	-	(1 )	-	-	-	-	-
Stock-based compensation expense	-	-	-	-	436	-	-	436
Effects of tax receivable agreement	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	41
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	(528 )	(756 )	(1,284 )
Balances at June 30, 2014	3,750,472	\$ 4	9	\$ -	\$ 14,057	\$ (3,995 )	\$ 8,352	\$ 18,418
Vesting of Class A restricted stock	86,802	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conversion of LLC units for Class A common stock	172,846	-	(1 )	-	-	-	-	-
Forfeiture of Class B common stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock-based compensation expense	-	-	-	-	561	-	-	561
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	(1,361 )	(1,249 )	(2,610 )
Balances at June 30, 2015	4,010,120	\$ 4	8	\$ -	\$ 14,618	\$ (5,356 )	\$ 7,103	\$ 16,369

*See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.*

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(In thousands)**

	For the years ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$(2,610)	\$(1,284)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	685	540
Reserve for obsolescence of inventories	623	-
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	361	-
Impairment of other assets	112	-
Stock-based compensation	561	436
Loss on fair value of interest rate swap	46	44
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets	12	(3)
Deferred rent	(22)	(5)
Deferred taxes	-	(180)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net		
Accounts receivable	503	(484)
Inventories	(5,571)	(3,957)
Bulk wine deposit	1,079	(1,424)
Other current assets	(201)	40
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	982	(639)
Accrual for sales returns	524	-
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,916)	(6,916)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(681)	(547)
Acquisition of intangible and other assets	(321)	(209)
Proceeds from sale of assets	3	2
Net cash used in investing activities	(999)	(754)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds from line of credit	349	1,798
Net proceeds from (payments to) related parties	11	(85)
Proceeds (payments to) on long-term debt	(333)	156
Payments on amount due factor	-	1
Net cash provided by financing activities	27	1,870



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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,888)	(5,800)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	5,567	11,367
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$1,679	\$5,567
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$258	\$151
Cash paid for income taxes	\$2	\$21
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash transactions:		
Seller-financed acquisition of trademark	\$170	\$-

*See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.*

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**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(in thousands, except certain share amounts and percentages)**

**NOTE 1 – BUSINESS**

**Business**

Truett-Hurst, Inc. is a holding company formed in Delaware and its sole asset is the controlling member equity interest in H.D.D. LLC. The audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 include the results of Truett-Hurst, Inc. subsidiaries: H.D.D. LLC (“LLC”) and its consolidated subsidiary, The Wine Spies, LLC (“Wine Spies”) (collectively, “we,” “Truett-Hurst,” “our,” “us,” or “the Company”). We refer to The Wine Spies, LLC as Wine Spies. Truett-Hurst consolidates the financial results of the LLC and subsidiary, and record a noncontrolling interests for the economic interest in the LLC and its subsidiary. Noncontrolling interests represent the portion of equity ownership in subsidiaries that are not attributable to Truett-Hurst, Inc.

We operate and control all of the business and affairs and consolidate the financial results of the LLC. In addition, pursuant to the limited liability company agreement of the LLC, we have the right to determine when distributions will be made to the members of the LLC and the amount of distributions. If we authorize a distribution, such distribution will be made to the members of the LLC pro rata in accordance with the percentages of their respective limited liability company interests.

Quantities or results referred to as “to date” or “as of this date” mean as of or to June 30, 2015, unless otherwise specifically noted. References to “FY” or “fiscal year” refer to our fiscal year ending on June 30 of the designated year. For example, “FY14” and “fiscal year 2014” each refer to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 and “FY15” and “fiscal year 2015” each refer to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This Annual Report on Form 10-K references certain trademarks and registered trademarks of ours and products or service names of other companies mentioned in this Annual Report on Form 10-K may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective owners.

**Formation Transactions**

On June 19, 2013, the limited liability company agreement of the LLC was amended and restated to, among other things, modify its capital structure by replacing the different classes of interests previously held by our then-existing owners with a single new class of units that we refer to as “LLC Units.” We entered into an exchange agreement under which the existing owners have the right to exchange their LLC Units for shares of our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications.

As of June 30, 2015 there were 3.0 million LLC Units held by parties other than Truett-Hurst, Inc. which upon exercise of the right to exchange would exchange for 3.0 million shares of Class A common stock. As of June 30, 2015, there have been 1.1 million LLC units exchanged.

In connection with the IPO, one share of Class B common stock was distributed to each existing holder of LLC Units, each of which provides its owner with no economic rights but entitles the holder, without regard to the number of shares of Class B common stock held by such holder, to one vote on matters presented to our stockholders for each LLC Unit held by such holder. Holders of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class on all matters presented to our stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable law.

As of June 30, 2015, our founders and affiliates control 48% of the combined voting power through their ownership of our outstanding Class A common stock and/or Class B common stock. Prior to conversion of their LLC Units, each holder of LLC Units holds a single share of our Class B common stock. Accordingly, our founders and affiliates have significant influence on the election of members of our board of directors, and thereby to influence on our management and affairs.

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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**NOTE 1 – BUSINESS, continued**

**Formation Transactions, continued**

The LLC Agreement provides that substantially all expenses incurred by or attributable to us (such as expenses incurred in connection with the IPO), but not including obligations incurred under the Tax Receivable Agreement (see below), our income tax expenses and payments on indebtedness incurred by us, are to be borne by the LLC.

**Exchange Agreement**

Prior to the completion of the IPO, we entered into an exchange agreement with the existing owners of the LLC, several of whom are directors and/or officers. Under the exchange agreement, each LLC member (and certain permitted transferees thereof) may (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement), exchange their LLC Units for shares of Class A common stock of the Company on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications, or for cash, at our election. As a holder exchanges their LLC Units, our interest in the LLC will be correspondingly increased. During FY14, certain LLC members exchanged 0.9 million LLC units, on a one-for-one basis, for shares of Class A common stock of the Company, under the exchange agreement. During FY15, certain LLC members exchanged 0.2 million LLC units, on a one-for-one basis, for shares of Class A common stock of the Company, under the exchange agreement.

**Tax Receivable Agreement**

Prior to the completion of the IPO, we entered into a tax receivable agreement with the LLC members. The agreement provides for the payment from time to time by us, as “corporate taxpayer,” to holders of LLC Units of 90% of the amount of the benefits, if any, that the corporate taxpayer is deemed to realize as a result of (i) increases in tax basis resulting from the exchange of LLC Units and (ii) certain other tax benefits related to us entering into the agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the agreement. These payment obligations are obligations of the

corporate taxpayer and not of the LLC. For purposes of the agreement, the benefit deemed realized by the corporate taxpayer will be computed by comparing the actual income tax liability of the corporate taxpayer (calculated with certain assumptions) to the amount of such taxes that the corporate taxpayer would have been required to pay had there been no increase to the tax basis of the assets of the LLC as a result of the exchanges, and had the corporate taxpayer not entered into the agreement. The term of the agreement will continue until all such tax benefits have been utilized or expired, unless the corporate taxpayer exercises its right to terminate the agreement for an amount based on the agreed payments remaining to be made under the agreement or the corporate taxpayer breaches any of its material obligations under the agreement in which case all obligations will generally be accelerated and due as if the corporate taxpayer had exercised its right to terminate the agreement.

H.D.D. LLC intends to make an election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") effective for each taxable year in which an exchange of LLC Units for shares of Class A common stock as described above occurs, which may result in an adjustment to the tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC at the time of an exchange of LLC Units. As a result of these exchanges, Truett-Hurst Inc. will become entitled to a proportionate share of the existing tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC. In addition, the purchase of Holdings Units and subsequent exchanges are expected to result in increases in the tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC that otherwise would not have been available.

Both this proportionate share and these increases in tax basis may reduce the amount of tax that Truett-Hurst, Inc. would otherwise be required to pay in the future. These increases in tax basis may also decrease gains (or increase losses) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis is allocated to those capital assets.

We recorded deferred tax assets of \$6.4 million related to the exchange of 1.1 million LLC units for an equal amount of THI Class A common stock during FY14 and FY15. We recorded a \$5.7 million long-term liability due to LLC unit holders who converted their units to shares which represents 90% of the estimated tax benefits and \$0.6 million for the difference in the recorded deferred tax asset and computed TRA liability and recorded as an adjustment to equity. Additionally, we recorded a valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets for \$6.4 million as it was determined that it was more likely than not that the tax benefits would not be realized, which resulted in corresponding adjustments to the TRA liability and equity as mentioned above.

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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**NOTE 1 – BUSINESS, continued**

**Emerging Growth Company Status**

We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, enacted on April 5, 2012 (“JOBS Act”). For as long as we are an “emerging growth company,” we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “emerging growth companies,” including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding stockholder advisory “say-on-pay” votes on executive compensation and stockholder advisory votes on golden parachute compensation.

The JOBS Act also provides that an “emerging growth company” can utilize the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) for complying with new or revised accounting standards. However, we chose to “opt out” of such extended transition period, and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for companies that are not “emerging growth companies.”

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Presentation**

Preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“U.S. GAAP” or “GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates include inventory valuation, equity-based compensation, contingencies, income tax and deferred tax asset

and liability valuation and fair value measurements for goodwill and other long-lived assets used in our initial recording and evaluation of impairment for such assets. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that management believes are reasonable under the given circumstances. These estimates could be materially different under different conditions and assumptions. Additionally, the actual amounts could differ from the estimates made. Management periodically evaluates estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements for continued reasonableness. We prospectively apply appropriate adjustments, if any, to our estimates based upon our periodic evaluation.

### **Reclassifications**

Certain prior year amounts in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported consolidated results of operations.

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

**Critical Accounting Policies**

*Liquidity and Capital Resources*

The terms of our bank loans require, among other things, compliance with certain financial covenants, including, without limitation, a minimum current assets to current liabilities ratio (measured quarterly), debt to effective tangible net worth ratio (measured quarterly), debt service coverage ratio (measured annually), and minimum EBITDA (measured at December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016). For additional information related to our bank loans, see Part II, Item 8, Note 8, “Commitments and Contingencies.”

*Accounts Receivable*

Accounts receivable consists primarily of trade receivables from customers who tend to be large distributors. We review accounts receivable regularly and make estimates for allowance for doubtful accounts when there is doubt as to the collectability of individual balances. In evaluating the collectability of individual receivable balances, we consider many factors, including the age of the balance, the customer’s historical payment history, its current credit worthiness, and current economic trends. Bad debts are written off after all collection efforts have ceased. We generally do not require collateral from our customers. We do not accrue interest on past-due amounts.

An allowance for doubtful accounts was not recorded for FY15 or FY14, as bad debts have historically been negligible.

*Inventories*



Inventories consist primarily of bulk and bottled wine, capitalized cultural costs, merchandise and purchased grapes valued at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out or specific identification method. In accordance with general wine industry practice, bulk and bottled wine inventories are included in current assets, although a portion of such inventories may be aged for a period longer than one year. Costs related to growing grapes on our vineyards are reflected in inventories as capitalized cultural costs. Upon completion of the harvest, these costs are included in bulk wine. Costs associated with winemaking and the production of wine are reflected in inventories as bulk wine until the wine has been bottled and is available for sale.

We assess the valuation of our inventories and reduce the carrying value of those inventories that are obsolete or in excess of our forecasted usage to its estimated net realizable value. We estimate the net realizable value of such inventories based on analyses and assumptions including, but not limited to, historical usage, future demand and market requirements. Reductions to the carrying value of inventories are recorded in cost of product sold. If the future demand for our products is less favorable than our forecasts, then the value of the inventories may be required to be reduced, which could result in material additional expense and may have a material adverse impact on our financial statements.

### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the asset, principally twenty to forty years for building and improvements, five years for machinery and equipment, seven to fifteen years for vineyard development, ten to twenty years for vineyard equipment, five to ten years for furniture and fixtures, the shorter of estimated useful life or lease term, generally five years for leasehold improvements and five years for vehicles. Costs incurred in developing vineyards are capitalized and depreciation commences when the related vineyard becomes commercially productive.

Expenditures for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Gains and losses from disposition of property and equipment are included as a component of income (loss) from operations.

### ***Impairment of Long-lived Assets***

We review our long-lived assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

of an asset exceeds its estimated undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value.

***Goodwill and Intangible Assets***

We review our goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets annually for impairment, or sooner, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. We use April 1 as our annual impairment test measurement date. Indefinite lived intangible assets consist primarily of trademarks. Intangible assets determined to have a finite life are amortized over their estimated useful lives, principally four years for the customer lists and non-compete agreement, five years for proprietary technology and ten years for the trademark. Patents are amortized over their estimated legal lives.

***Other Assets***

Other assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, principally five years for label design costs, ten years for loan fees, ten years for lease costs – related party, and five years for website design costs. Label designs are evaluated for impairment in accordance with our policy on impairment of long lived assets.

***Revenue Recognition***

We recognize wine sales when the product is shipped and title passes to the customer. Our standard terms are 'FOB' shipping point, with no customer acceptance provisions. The cost of price promotions and discounts are treated as reductions of sales. No products are sold on consignment. Credit sales are recorded as trade accounts receivable and

no collateral is required. Net sales from items sold through our retail locations are recognized at the time of sale.

### ***Sales Discounts and Depletion Allowances***

We record sales discounts and depletion allowances as a reduction of sales at the time of the sale. For FY15 and FY14, sales discounts and depletion allowances totaled \$4.1 million and \$1.7 million, respectively.

### ***Cost of Sales***

Cost of sales includes costs associated with grape growing, grapes purchased from vineyards we do not own, bulk wine and finished goods purchases, packaging materials, winemaking and production costs, vineyard and production administrative support and overhead costs, purchasing and receiving costs and certain warehousing costs. No further costs are allocated to inventory once the product is bottled and available for sale. Inventory reserves and provisions are included in cost of sales.

### ***Expense Allocation***

The LLC Operating Agreement provides that substantially all expenses incurred by or attributable to the Company, income tax expenses and payments on indebtedness are borne by the LLC.

### ***Sales and Marketing Expense***

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of costs for non-manufacturing personnel, advertising and other marketing promotions. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. For FY15 and FY14, advertising expense totaled approximately \$0.6 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

*General and Administrative Expenses*

General and administrative expenses include the costs associated with our administrative staff and other expenses related to our non-manufacturing functions.

*Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs*

We report the amounts billed to our customers for shipping and handling as sales, and we report the costs we incur for shipping and handling as a sales and marketing expense. Our gross margins may not be comparable to other companies in the same industry as other companies may include shipping and handling costs as a cost of sales. For FY15 and FY14, shipping costs were \$1.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

*Income Tax and Deferred Tax Asset Valuation*

The LLC is treated as a partnership under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The members separately account for their pro-rata share of income, deductions, losses, and credits. Therefore, no provision is made for the LLC’s share of net income (loss) in the consolidated financial statements for liabilities for federal, state, or local income taxes since such liabilities are the responsibility of the individual members.

As of June 30, 2015, there are no material uncertain tax positions and we expect no major changes in the next 12 months. We file income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state jurisdictions. We are no longer subject to U.S. federal or state income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2009.

The provision for income taxes is calculated using the liability method of accounting. Under the liability method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amount of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. In assessing net deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. When we do not believe the realization of a deferred tax asset is likely, we record a valuation allowance. The valuation allowance is evaluated at the end of each year, considering positive and negative evidence about whether the deferred tax assets will be realized.

We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and state jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in evaluating our uncertain tax positions and determining our provision for income taxes. Accounting for income tax uncertainties requires a two-step approach to recognize and measure uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than fifty percent likely of being realized upon settlement.

We adjust the reserves in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the closing of a tax audit or the refinement of an estimate. To the extent that the final tax outcome of these matters is different than the amounts recorded, such differences will impact the provision for income taxes in the period in which such determination is made. The provision for income taxes includes the impact of reserve provisions as well as related interest and penalties.

### ***Stock-Based Compensation***

Stock-based compensation is recognized in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 718 – *Compensation – Stock Compensation* (“ASC Topic 718”). ASC Topic 718 requires the measurement of compensation for stock-based awards based on the estimated fair values at the grant date for equity classified awards and the recognition of the related compensation expense over the appropriate vesting period. Under ASC Topic 718, compensation expense is based, among other things, on (i) the classification of an award, (ii) assumptions relating to fair value measurement such as the value of the stock of Truett-Hurst and its volatility, the expected term of the award and forfeiture rates, and (iii) whether performance criteria, if any, have been met. We use both internal and external data to assess compensation expense. Changes in these estimates could significantly impact stock based compensation

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

expense in the future. The expected term of the option is based upon the contractual term, expected employee exercise and expected post-vesting employment termination behavior.

We account for equity instruments issued to non-employees in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 505-50, *Equity Based Payments to Non-Employees*. Equity instruments issued to non-employees are recorded at their fair value on the measurement date and are subject to periodic market adjustments as the underlying equity instruments vest.

**Accounting Pronouncements**

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2015-05: Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement (“ASU 2015-05”). The amendments in this update provide guidance to customers about whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. If a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, the update specifies that the customer should account for the software license element of the arrangement consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. The update further specifies that the customer should account for a cloud computing arrangement as a service contract if the arrangement does not include a software license. ASU 2015-05 will be effective for us in FY16. We are in the process of assessing the future impact of this update to the consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03: Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs (“ASU 2015-03”). The update sets forth a requirement that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs is not affected by the amendments in this update. ASU 2015-03 will be effective for us in FY16. We are in the process of assessing the future impact of this update to the consolidated financial statements.

In August, 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15 to clarify the SEC staff's position on presenting and measuring debt issuance costs incurred in connection with line-of-credit arrangements given the lack of guidance on this topic in ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The SEC staff has announced that it would "not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement."

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15: Presentation of Financial Statements—Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern. The update sets forth a requirement for management to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern or to provide related footnote disclosures. ASU 2014-15 will be effective for us in FY17. We are in the process of assessing the future impact of this update to the consolidated financial statements.

We have reviewed all recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting pronouncements and we do not believe the future adoption of any such pronouncements may be expected to cause a material impact on our consolidated financial condition or the consolidated results of our operations.



**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 3 – INVENTORIES**

Inventories consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
	( in thousands)	
Grapes, bulk wine, and capitalized cultural costs	\$7,375	\$ 5,499
Bottled wine	14,003	11,285
Bottling materials and other	544	395
Canned wine, net	205	-
Total inventories, net	\$22,127	\$ 17,179

In March 2015, in order to support the launch of our CA Winecraft brand with The Kroger Company, we produced almost 48,000 cases of product. We have estimated that the product maintains its highest quality for 10 months after its production date and as such this initial production has a “best by” date of January 2016. The initial production quantities were expected to be fully depleted based on commitments by Kroger to promote the product through in-store displays and its “Summer Rack Program.” CA Winecraft product started shipping to distributors in April 2015 and through May 2015 approximately 33,000 cases of product had shipped. In June 2015 to allow for distributor back stock and to support anticipated replenishment orders, we produced an additional 32,000 cases of product. The “best by” date for the second production is April 2016.

The number of stores that participated in the “Summer Rack Program” and/or stocked shelves with CA Winecraft product fell short of Kroger’s initial guidance and our expectations. Based on reports from Kroger, through early September, approximately 5,000 cases of product has been purchased by consumers. We are working with Kroger to increase both the number of stores selling the product and the retail rate of sale; however, we are unable to predict the impact of these efforts. In late August 2015, Kroger agreed to forgo exclusivity on the product, and since then we have been working with our distributors and other potential customers to increase points of distribution for the product outside the Kroger store network. There is no assurance that these sales efforts will lead to incremental orders. The lower number of distribution points combined with slower than anticipated retail rate of sale has left inventory levels higher than planned. As of June 30, 2015, we had approximately 45,000 cases of product in our inventory and through

September 13, 2015 our inventory levels remain materially unchanged.

As of June 30, 2015, the net carrying cost of the CA Winecraft inventory was \$0.2 million after establishing a \$0.5 million reserve for potential obsolescence of the CA Winecraft product. Intangible assets and other assets related to CA Winecraft were written off in the amount of \$0.1 million in FY15.

**NOTE 4 – OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

Other current assets as of FY15 include the fair market value of the interest rate swap for \$0.02 million and other prepaid amounts of \$0.3 million. Other current assets as FY14 include the fair market value of the interest rate swap for \$0.07 million and other prepaid amounts of \$0.1 million.

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**NOTE 5 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	As of June 30, (in thousands)	
	2015	2014
Land and land improvements	\$2,804	\$2,804
Building and improvements	1,844	1,756
Machinery and equipment	1,785	1,233
Vineyard development	353	353
Vineyard equipment	327	327
Furniture and fixtures	260	256
Leasehold improvements	120	117
Vehicles	93	93
	7,586	6,939
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(1,835)	(1,386)
Total property and equipment, net	\$5,751	\$5,553

Total depreciation and amortization was \$0.5 million \$0.3 million for FY15 and FY14, respectively.

**NOTE 6 – GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

In August 2012, we entered into a membership purchase interest agreement with an individual to purchase a 50% interest in The Wine Spies, LLC, to further develop our presence in on-line wine sales. The acquisition has been accounted for as a business combination and we have recorded the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. The fair values assigned to the identifiable intangible assets acquired were based on estimates and assumptions determined by management and

totaled \$0.5 million. The intangibles are being amortized over their estimated lives ranging from four to ten years. We recorded the excess of consideration transferred over the aggregate fair values as goodwill in the amount of \$0.1 million. We hold three of the four management control positions and therefore have consolidated the business as of the acquisition date. Noncontrolling interest is shown in the consolidated financial statements.

During the fourth quarter of FY15, the performance of our Wine Spies subsidiary showed a material decline as compared to recent trends. The declining performance triggered management to make an evaluation of the goodwill and intangible assets related to Wine Spies. As a result of the evaluation, management determined that the goodwill and intangible assets should be fully impaired. Impairment charges totaled \$0.4 million (\$0.1 million related to goodwill and \$0.3 million related to intangible assets).

Costs related to obtaining trademarks and patents are capitalized and categorized as intangible asset with indefinite lives. We review the current and future plans for the trademarks and patents each year on April 1 to determine if any impairment is required.

Intangible asset balances are summarized as follows:

	As of June 30, (in thousands)	
	2015	2014
Finite lives:		
Customer lists	\$ -	\$ 213
Trademarks	-	169
Proprietary technology	-	95
Non-compete agreement	-	38
Patents	44	42
	44	557
Less accumulated amortization	(1 )	(189 )
	43	368
Indefinite lives:		
Trademarks	438	261
	\$ 481	\$ 629

Amortization expense of intangible assets was \$0.1 million for FY15 and FY14, respectively. The expected future amortization of patents is \$0.04 million. Patents are amortized from the time they are granted over the expected life of the patent.

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**NOTE 7 — OTHER ASSETS**

Other assets consist of the following:

	As of June 30, (in thousands)	
	2015	2014
Label design	\$371	\$247
Loan fees	18	18
Lease costs - related party	23	23
Software	151	144
Website design	66	55
Other	-	1
	629	488
Less: accumulated amortization	(222)	(107)
Total other assets, net	\$407	\$381

Amortization expense of other assets was \$0.1 million for FY15 and \$0.07 million for FY14. During FY15, label design costs related to the CA Winecraft product was determined to be fully impaired. Impairment charges totaled \$0.1 million.

Expected future amortization expense on other assets are as follows:

Years ending June 30: ( in thousands)	
2016	\$119
2017	109
2018	99
2019	55

2020	19
Thereafter	6

Total future amortization expense \$407

## NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### *Leases*

In February 2011, we entered into a lease agreement for a tasting room and winery. The lease is for five years, commencing on March 1, 2011 and ending on February 29, 2016, and contains one option to extend for an additional period of five years. On July 27, 2015 we exercised the option to extend our lease of the property through February 29, 2021. We have the right of first refusal in the event the lessor desires to sell the leased property. Annual rent for the tasting room is \$0.1 million, due monthly. The winery rent is subject to adjustment based on the actual number of cases produced each year; however, future payments are based on a minimum number of cases, as specified in the agreement. Beginning on September 1, 2012 and annually thereafter, tasting room and winery rent is increased by 3%. Lease expense is accounted for on a straight-line basis.

In October 2013, we entered into a lease agreement for administrative office space. The lease commenced on October 15, 2013 and ends on October 31, 2016, and contains three one-year renewal options with adjustment to market rents.

Rent expense for these facilities for FY15 and FY14 totaled \$0.3 million per year.

Future lease commitments are as follows:

Years ending June 30: ( in thousands)	
2016	\$335
2017	316
2018	326
2019	310
2020	329
Thereafter	225
Total future lease commitments	\$1,841

### *Credit Facilities*

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As of June 30, 2015, we had bank loans in place which are collateralized by substantially all of our assets, require compliance with certain financial covenants and are guaranteed by certain members of the LLC. As of June 30, 2015, we were engaged in refinancing our bank loans and obtaining an additional Equipment Purchase Line of Credit for our capital expenditure needs in fiscal 2016. On July 15, 2015, we completed the refinancing process with our lender, Bank of the West. Below is a description of the loans as of June 30, 2015 as well as those put in place as of July 15, 2015.

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*Line of Credit Note:*

As of June 30, 2015, we had a \$9 million revolving line of credit with a maturity date of July 31, 2015 with an annual interest rate of 1.75% above LIBOR on the outstanding balance at June 30, 2015 the rate was 2.52%. On July 15, 2015, the line of credit commitment was increased to \$10 million and the maturity date was extended to July 31, 2016. The outstanding balance on the new revolving line of credit accrues interest at an increased annual rate of 2.25% above LIBOR.

*Equipment Purchase Line of Credit Note:*

As of June 30, 2015, we had a \$0.5 million equipment purchase line of credit note that was fully drawn and accrued interest at a rate of 2.25% above the floating One-Month LIBOR Rate. This Equipment Purchase Line of Credit § carried an original maturity date of July 31, 2016 and was converted to a term loan with a 48-month amortization schedule.

On July 15, 2015, we received a new Equipment Purchase Line of Credit Note in the amount of \$0.5 million that § matures on July 31, 2016. The outstanding balance on the Equipment Purchase Line of Credit Note accrues interest at a rate of 2.25% above the floating One-Month LIBOR Rate at June 30, 2015 the rate was 2.44%.

*Foreign Exchange Note:*

As of June 30, 2015, we had a foreign exchange note in the principal amount of \$0.1 million from the bank due on or before July 31, 2015 that carried a 10% credit percentage and permitted us to enter into any spot or forward § transaction to purchase from or sell to the bank a foreign currency of an agreed amount. There was no balance outstanding on the Foreign Exchange Note. On July 15, 2015, the maturity date of the Foreign Exchange Note was extended to July 31, 2016 and the rate was increased to 15%.

The bank loans contains usual and customary covenants, including, among others, limitations on incurrence of senior indebtedness, the making of loans and advances, investments, acquisitions, and capital expenditures, the incurrence of liens, the consummation of mergers and asset sales; and changes in business and activities. In addition, the bank loans contains negative and financial covenants, including, without limitation, a minimum current assets to current liabilities ratio (measured quarterly), debt to effective tangible net worth ratio (measured quarterly), and debt service coverage ratio (measured annually). The bank loans obtained on July 15, 2015 also include a minimum EBITDA covenant to be measured on December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

*Covenant Breaches*



While our bank loans as of June 30, 2015 included a minimum debt service coverage ratio, we refinanced those loans before the debt service covenant was measured with new loans that do not require a debt service coverage ratio test as of June 30, 2015.

*Security Agreements and Limited Guaranties*

In connection with our entry into the Bank of the West Loan on July 16, 2012, certain of our executive officers, as well as certain trusts and other entities under their respective control, had entered into guarantee agreements. A number of these guarantees were modified when we renewed our loans with Bank of the West on July 15, 2015. When the guarantees were modified the limited guaranty from the Hambrecht Trust and the unlimited guaranty from Hambrecht Wine Group were released. The guarantees in place as of July 15, 2015 are described below.

*Limited Guaranty – Hurst Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Hurst Trust, a member of the LLC, and Phillip L. Hurst, director and CEO of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and a co-trustee of the Hurst Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Hurst Trust and Mr. Hurst, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Hurst Trust and Mr. Hurst, as guarantor, is limited to 61% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guaranty.

*Limited Guaranty – Dolan 2005 Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Dolan 2005 Trust, a member of the LLC, and Heath E. Dolan, a director of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and a co-trustee of the Dolan 2005 Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Dolan 2005 Trust and Mr. Dolan, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Dolan 2005 Trust and Mr. Dolan, as guarantor, is limited to 23% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guaranty.

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*Limited Guaranty – Dolan 2003 Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Dolan 2003 Trust, a member of the LLC, and Paul E. Dolan, III, a director of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and trustee of the Dolan 2003 Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Dolan 2003 Trust and Mr. Dolan, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Dolan 2003 Trust and Mr. Dolan, as guarantor, is limited to 23% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guarantee.

*Limited Guaranty – Carroll-Obremskey Trust:* On July 15, 2015, the Carroll-Obremskey Trust, a member of the LLC, and Daniel A. Carroll, a director of the LLC and Truett-Hurst, Inc. and a co-trustee of the Carroll-Obremskey Trust, entered into a Limited Guaranty pursuant to which the Carroll-Obremskey Trust and Mr. Carroll, together, guarantees the full payment to Bank of the West of all sums presently due and owing and all sums which shall in the future become due and owing to Bank of the West from us. The liability of the Carroll-Obremskey Trust and Mr. Carroll, as guarantor, is limited to 48% of the sum of all obligations due to Bank of the West, plus the costs, expenses and interest associated with the collection of amounts recoverable under this guarantee.

***Long-term debt***

Long-term debt consisted of the following (in thousands except payment information):

	As of June 30, (in thousands)	
	2015	2014
Long term debt:		
Note 1	(1) \$2,987	\$3,122
Note 2	(2) 21	70
Note 3	(3) 193	263
Note 4	(4) 326	406
Note 5	(5) 113	-
Total notes payable	3,640	3,860
Less LTD current maturities	(368 )	(333 )

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Total long term debt                      \$3,272    \$3,527

(1) Note payable to a bank, collateralized by a deed of trust on property payable monthly in principal payments of \$11,270 plus interest, matures May 31, 2022, variable interest of 2.25% above LIBOR.

(2) Note payable to a bank, collateralized by equipment payable monthly with principal and interest payments of \$4,226, matures November 1, 2015; at 3.75% interest.

(3) Note payable to a bank, collateralized by equipment payable monthly with principal and interest payments of \$6,535, matures January 15, 2018; at 3.75% interest.

(4) Note payable to a bank, collateralized by equipment payable monthly with principal and interest payments of \$7,783, matures March 1, 2019; at 3.75% interest.

On November 30, 2014, we acquired the unrestricted use of the Stonegate trademark in exchange for a trademark release payment which is to be made over time and is accounted for as a note payable. The note payable has three (5) equal installments: a) within five days of November 30, 2014, b) on October 15, 2015, and c) on July 31, 2016. The note does not accrue interest outstanding on the principal. An imputed interest rate of 5.5% was assessed under GAAP and the impact was considered immaterial.

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Future principal and interest payments for the long-term debt are as follows:

Fiscal years ended June 30:	
( in thousands)	
2016	\$368
2017	353
2018	269
2019	204
2020	135
Thereafter	2,311
	3,640
Add: Estimated interest	741
Total	\$4,381

***Related Party Transactions***

Notes to related parties consisted of the following (in thousands except payment information):

	As of June 30,	
	(in thousands)	
Related party note:	2015	2014
Note	(1) \$ -	\$ 67
Less current maturities	-	(67 )
Total related party note	\$ -	\$ -

Note payable to a member for the repurchase of a certain percentage of their ownership interest in the LLC pursuant (1) to exercise of put right; unsecured; payable monthly in principal and interest payments of \$6,245; matured May 3, 2015, at 4.5% interest.

***Supply Contracts***

On February 26, 2013, we executed a supply of goods agreement for our paper wine bottle production. The term of the agreement is seven years and has a \$0.8 million minimum purchase commitment for each of the first two years. At March 5, 2014, the supplier entered into administration in the United Kingdom (“U.K.”), a process similar to the U.S. bankruptcy process and we subsequently terminated the supply contract. As a result of the administrative filing, we recorded a one-time provision for loss on deposit of approximately \$0.5 million relating to amounts previously paid in advance and for estimated legal costs for filing a U.K. administrative claim. Our policy is to include direct costs associated with the provision. We are unable at this time to predict the legal outcome of our claim and believe it is unlikely that any amount will be recovered.

We entered into a two-year supply agreement (with three, one-year renewal options) with a new supplier in the U.S. to provide paper bottles. Due to lack of performance, this contract was terminated and we no longer have any financial commitment.

At June 30, 2015, total future purchase commitments for finished goods total approximately \$5.3 million and are expected to be fulfilled during fiscal 2016 to 2017.

We enter into short and long-term contracts to supply a portion of our future grapes and bulk wine inventory requirements with third parties and related party growers. Future minimum inventory commitments are as follows:

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Years ending June 30:	Third Parties (in thousands)	Related Parties (in thousands)	Total
2016	\$4,872	\$491	\$5,363
2017	1,040	479	1,519
2018	388	480	868
2019	191	273	464
Thereafter	-	-	-
Total	\$6,491	\$1,723	\$8,214

For FY15 and FY14, grape inventory payments under the agreements with related parties totaled \$0.3 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

***Production***

We enter into various contracts with third party service providers for grape crushing and bottling. The costs are recorded in the period for which the service is provided. The actual costs related to custom crush services are based on volume. Our current contract for custom crush only covers the 2015 harvest. Our current bottling contract requires a minimum of 200,000 cases at \$2.40 per case to be bottled in a one year period.

***Exchange Agreement***

Prior to the completion of the IPO, we entered into an exchange agreement with the existing owners of the LLC, several of whom are directors and/or officers. Under the exchange agreement, each existing owner (and certain permitted transferees thereof) may (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement), exchange their LLC Units for shares of Class A common stock of the Company on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications, or for cash, at our election. As a holder exchanges their LLC Units, our interest in the LLC will be correspondingly increased. During FY15, certain members exchanged 0.2 million LLC units, on a one-for-one basis, for shares of Class A common stock of the Company, under the exchange agreement. During FY14, certain members exchanged 0.9 million LLC units, on a one-for-one basis, for

shares of Class A common stock of the Company, under the exchange agreement.

***Tax Receivable Agreement***

We entered into a tax receivable agreement with the LLC unit holders which provides for payment by the Company to the LLC unit holders who convert their units to shares, an amount equal to 90% of the amount of the benefit, if any, that are realized as a result of (i) increases in tax basis associated with the election effected under Section 754 of the Code, and (ii) certain other tax benefits related to our entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement. Any payments under the tax receivable agreement will depend upon whether we have taxable income to utilize the benefit.

We will be required to pay the counterparties to the tax receivable agreement for certain tax benefits we may claim arising in connection with current exchanges, future purchases or exchanges of LLC Units and related transactions, and the amounts we may pay could be significant.

H.D.D. LLC intends to make an election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") effective for each taxable year in which an exchange of LLC Units for shares of Class A common stock as described above occurs, which may result in an adjustment to the tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC at the time of an exchange of LLC Units. As a result of these exchanges, Truett-Hurst Inc. will become entitled to a proportionate share of the existing tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC. In addition, the purchase of Holdings Units and subsequent exchanges are expected to result in increases in the tax basis of the assets of H.D.D. LLC that otherwise would not have been available.

Both this proportionate share and these increases in tax basis may reduce the amount of tax that Truett-Hurst Inc. would otherwise be required to pay in the future. These increases in tax basis may also decrease gains (or increase losses) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis is allocated to those capital assets.

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**NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES, continued**

We recorded deferred tax assets of \$6.4 million related to the exchange of 1.1 million LLC units for an equal amount of THI Class A common stock since our IPO. We recorded a \$5.7 million long-term liability due to LLC unit holders who converted their units to shares which represents 90% of the estimated tax benefits and \$0.6 million for the difference in the recorded deferred tax asset and computed TRA liability and recorded as an adjustment to equity. Additionally, we recorded a valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets for \$6.4 million as it was determined that it was more likely than not that the tax benefits would not be realized, which resulted in corresponding adjustments to the TRA liability and equity as mentioned above.

***Litigation***

We may be subject to various litigation matters arising in the ordinary course of business from time to time. However, we are not aware of any current pending legal matters or claims, individually or in the aggregate, that are expected to have a material adverse impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

***Guarantees***

From time to time we enter into certain types of contracts that contingently require us to indemnify various parties against claims from third parties. These contracts primarily relate to (i) certain real estate leases, under which we may be required to indemnify property owners for environmental and other liabilities, and other claims arising from our use of the applicable premises, (ii) certain agreements with our officers, directors, and employees, under which we may be required to indemnify such persons for liabilities arising out of their employment relationship, (iii) contracts under which we may be required to indemnify customers against third-party claims that our product infringes a patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right, and (iv) procurement or license agreements, under which we may be required to indemnify licensors or vendors for certain claims that may be brought against them arising from our acts or omissions with respect to the supplied products or technology.



Generally, a maximum obligation under these contracts is not explicitly stated. Because the obligated amounts associated with these types of agreements are not explicitly stated, the overall maximum amount of the obligation cannot be reasonably estimated. Historically, we have not been required to make payments under these obligations, and no liabilities have been recorded for these obligations on our balance sheets.

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**NOTE 9 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following:

	As of June 30, (in thousands)	
	2015	2014
Accounts payable	\$2,969	\$2,746
Accrued expenses	290	107
Commission	132	163
Depletion allowances	525	29
Personnel	242	114
Professional fees	18	35
Total accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$4,176	\$3,194

**NOTE 10 – OUT OF DATE PRODUCT**

In January 2015, we were notified by a large national retailer that inventory of Paper Boy product on their shelves had partially oxidized. Our terms of sale provide for limited return rights only in circumstances where products are not merchantable due to quality deficiencies. We determined that Paper Boy's shelf life met quality specifications for the product, which are consistent with other similar products in the market, and, therefore, we did not have contractual obligation to accept returns of, or to replace, the product. However, on a one time basis we agreed to work with the retailer to remove the expired product.

We contacted our distributors throughout the country to remind them of the finite shelf life of Paper Boy and to instruct them to dispose of any out-of-date product so that consumers were not sold expired product. While we believe we have no contractual liability for costs associated with the destruction of the out-of-date inventory, we anticipate providing limited financial support to certain of our largest distributors. Finally, we have reviewed our inventory and have written off the expired Paper Boy finished goods inventory in our warehouse in the amount of \$0.2 million to cost of sales.

Consistent with ASC-450, “Contingencies”, which outlines accounting and disclosure requirements for loss and gain contingencies, we established an accrual for the estimated probable loss associated with our role in dealing with the out-of-date product, net of recoveries. The amounts recorded on our consolidated statement of operations is set forth below:

	For the year ended June 30, 2015 (in thousands)
Reduction in sales	\$ 582
Increase in cost of sales	209
	\$ 791

The reduction to net sales is the estimated return credit we anticipate providing associated with clearing affected product from retailer and distributor inventories. The increase in cost of sales consists of the write off of unsold inventory of the expired product from our finished goods inventories. We have recorded a provision based on our best estimate of loss within a range. The high end of the range was \$0.2 million, higher than the amount accrued.

Since December 31, 2014, we have processed return credits of approximately \$0.06 against the accrual for sales returns leaving an outstanding balance of \$0.5 as of June 30, 2015.

## **NOTE 11 – STOCKHOLDERS’ EQUITY**

### *Stockholders' Equity Structure*

As of June 30, 2015, we have 15.0 million authorized shares of Class A common stock, of which 4.0 million shares of Class A common stock were issued and outstanding. No preferred stock has been issued.

In connection with the IPO, one share of Class B common stock of Truett-Hurst, Inc. was distributed to each LLC holder of LLC Units, each of which provides its owner with no economic rights but entitles the holder, without regard to the number of shares of Class B common stock held by such holder, to one vote on matters presented to stockholders of Truett-Hurst, Inc. for each LLC Unit held by such holder. As of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, there were 8 and 9 shares respectively of Class B common stock issued, outstanding and held by LLC members.

### *Capital Transactions*

See Note 13, “Stock-based Compensation,” for information related to grants of equity incentives to officers and directors.

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**NOTE 11 – STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY, continued***LLC Units*

The following table presents the changes in the non controlling and the interests in the LLC (not in thousands):

	Members LLC Units	THI Units	Total Units	Member %	Company %	Total %
Balance as of June 30, 2013	4,102,644	2,700,000	6,802,644	60	% 40	% 100 %
LLC units converted	(938,472 )	938,472	-	-14	% 14	% -
Balance as of June 30, 2014	3,164,172	3,638,472	6,802,644	46	% 54	% 100 %
LLC units converted	(172,846 )	172,846	-	-2	% 2	% -
Balance as of June 30, 2015	2,991,326	3,811,318	6,802,644	44	% 56	% 100 %

During FY15, certain LLC members converted 0.2 million LLC units for an equal amount of our Class A common stock.

**NOTE 12 - NET LOSS PER SHARE**

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net loss per common share:

	As of June 30, (in thousands, except for share data)	
	2015	2014
Net loss attributable to Truett-Hurst, Inc.	\$ (1,361	) \$ (528
Loss per Share		)

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Basic & dilutive Class A common share-weighted average shares	3,852,214	3,621,455	
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.35	) \$ (0.15	)

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing net loss attributable to us, by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted net loss per share is computed by giving effect to all potential dilutive common shares, including convertible LLC units and restricted stock. The assumed exchange of 3.0 million LLC units for Class A common stock and the vesting of 0.6 million equity incentive shares are expected to have an anti-dilutive effect. Accordingly, the effect of exchanging LLC units and restricted stock have been excluded from net income available to Class A common stock per share.

The shares of Class B common stock do not share in our earnings and therefore are not participating securities. Accordingly, basic and diluted net income per share of Class B common stock has not been presented.

**NOTE 13 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

***Equity Incentive Plan***

Our 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (“2012 Plan”), effective December 28, 2012, provides for the grant of incentive stock options, within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, to our employees and any parent and subsidiary corporations’ employees, and for the grant of non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and dividend equivalent rights to our employees, directors and consultants and our parent and subsidiary corporations’ employees, directors and consultants.

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**NOTE 13 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION, continued**

*Share Reserve*

Since inception, 1.0 million shares have been reserved under The 2012 Plan and 0.6 million shares have been granted leaving 0.4 million shares available for grant. The 2012 Plan provides for annual increases in the number of shares available for issuance thereunder on the first business day of each fiscal year, beginning with our fiscal year following the year of the IPO, equal to the lesser of one percent (1%) of the number of shares of our Class A common stock outstanding as of such date or 14,000 shares.

*Stock Options*

The 2012 Plan allows for the grant of incentive stock options that qualify under Section 422 of the Code only to our employees and employees of any parent or subsidiary. Non-qualified stock options may be granted to our employees, directors, and consultants and those of any parent or subsidiary. The exercise price of all options granted under the 2012 Plan must at least be equal to the fair market value of our Class A common stock on the date of grant. The term of an incentive stock option may not exceed ten (10) years, except that with respect to any employee who owns more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of our outstanding stock or any parent or subsidiary as of the grant date, the term must not exceed five (5) years, and the exercise price must equal at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the fair market value on the grant date.

After the continuous service of an employee, director or consultant terminates, he or she may exercise his or her option, to the extent vested, for the period of time specified in the option agreement. However, an option may not be exercised later than the expiration of its term.

On June 25, 2014, we granted stock options to our Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer which vests over four years and had a fair value at date of grant of \$0.4 million. We follow the provisions of the Financial Accounting

Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 718, “Compensation - Stock Compensation” (“ASC 718”), which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to employees, non-employee directors, and consultants, including employee stock options.

On April 8, 2015, we granted 0.07 million shares of stock options to an officer of H.D.D. LLC which vests over 4 years and has a fair value at date of grant of \$0.1 million. We account for our employee stock options under the fair value method of accounting using a Black-Scholes valuation model to measure stock option expense at the date of grant. The expected life assumptions for employee grants are based upon the simplified method, which averages the contractual term of the options of ten years with the average vesting term of four years for an average of six years. The risk-free interest rate is based on the expected U.S. Treasury rate over the expected life. Volatility reflects movements in our stock price over the most recent historical period equivalent to the expected life. The dividend yield assumption of zero is based upon the fact we have never paid cash dividends and presently have no intention of paying cash dividends in the future. The fair value of the stock option is recognized as compensation cost, on a straight-line basis over the four-year vesting period. The fair value of the stock option is recognized as compensation cost, on a straight-line basis over the four-year vesting period. As of June 30, 2015, we recognized \$0.005 million in cumulative expense and had \$0.1 million of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 3.77 years.

We account for our employee stock options under the fair value method of accounting using a Black-Scholes valuation model to measure stock option expense at the date of grant. The expected life assumptions for employee grants are based upon the simplified method provided for under ASC 718-10, which averages the contractual term of the options of ten years with the average vesting term of four years for an average of six years. The risk-free interest rate is based on the expected U.S. Treasury rate over the expected life. Volatility reflects movements in our stock price over the most recent historical period equivalent to the expected life. The dividend yield assumption of zero is based upon the fact we have never paid cash dividends and presently have no intention of paying cash dividends in the future. The fair value of stock option grants is amortized to expense over the vesting period.

A summary of our stock option activity is presented below:

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price \$	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Aggregate intrinsic value (in thousands)
Outstanding, July 1, 2013	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Granted	150,000	\$ 5.00	3.99	-
Vested	-	-	-	-
Exercised	-	-	-	-
Outstanding, June 30, 2014	150,000	\$ 5.00	3.99	\$ -
Granted	70,000	\$ 2.96	3.77	-
Vested	(37,500 )	\$ 5.00		
Exercised	-			-
Forfeited, canceled or expired	-			-



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Outstanding, June 30, 2015	182,500	\$ 4.22	3.29	\$ -
Vested and Expected to Vest	182,500	\$ 4.22	3.29	

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**NOTE 13 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**, continued

The weighted-average fair value of options granted in FY15 and the related assumptions used are as follows (in percentages except share price):

Weighted-average grant date fair value	\$ 1.38
Exercise Price	\$2.96
Risk-free interest rate	1.1 %
Term	6.25
Expected volatility	75.18%
Expected dividend	-

As of June 30, 2015, there was \$0.4 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to the non-vested stock options that is expected to be recognized over the remaining term of the award.

The following table summarizes information about the stock options outstanding at June 30, 2015:

Outstanding Options		Options exercisable			
Range of exercise prices	Number outstanding	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Weighted average exercise price	Number exercisable	Weighted average exercise price
\$0.00 to \$5.00	182,500	3.29	\$ 4.22	37,500	\$ 5.00

***Stock Appreciation Rights***

The 2012 Plan allows for the grant of stock appreciation rights (“SARs”). SARs allow the recipient to receive the appreciation in the fair market value of our Class A Common Stock between the date of grant and the exercise date. The administrator will determine the terms of SARs, including when such rights become exercisable and whether to pay the increased appreciation in cash or with shares of our Class A Common Stock, or a combination thereof, except that the base appreciation amount for the cash or shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of a SARs will be no less than one hundred percent (100%) of the fair market value per share on the date of grant. After the continuous service of an employee, director or consultant terminates, he or she may exercise his or her stock appreciation right, to the extent vested, only to the extent provided in the SARs agreement.

As of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, there were no SARs issued or outstanding under the 2012 Plan.

### ***Restricted Stock Awards***

The 2012 Plan allows for the grant of restricted stock. Restricted stock awards are shares of our Class A Common Stock that vest in accordance with terms and conditions established by the administrator. The administrator will determine the number of shares of restricted stock granted to any employee, director or consultant. The administrator may impose whatever conditions on vesting it determines to be appropriate. For example, the administrator may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals. Shares of restricted stock that do not vest are subject to our right of repurchase or forfeiture.

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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**NOTE 13 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION, continued**

On February 4, 2013, we granted 0.2 million shares of restricted stock to an independent contractor who serves as our Creative Director. The award vests over three years, and had a fair value at the date of grant of \$0.9 million for a 5% interest in the LLC. We record the fair value and recognize the associated expense per FASB ASC Subtopic 505-50, *Equity - Equity Based Payments to Non-Employees* which defines the measurement date as the earlier of the date at which the commitment for performance is reached, or the date at which the performance is complete. The grant date fair value of restricted stock awards, to non-employees, is recognized as compensation cost, on a straight-line basis over the three-year vesting period, and subject to periodic market adjustments as the underlying equity instruments vest. As of June 30, 2015, the stock was valued at \$0.8 million. We recognized \$0.7 million in cumulative expense for FY15 and \$0.5 million in cumulative expense for FY14. At June 30, 2015, there was \$0.05 million of unrecognized stock compensation expense, related to the non-vested restricted stock award that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 0.60 years.

On December 9, 2013, we granted 0.01 million shares of restricted stock to certain directors of our company which vests over three years and has a fair value at date of grant of \$0.03 million. The fair value of restricted stock, measured on the date of grant using the price of the Company's common stock on grant date, is recognized as compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the three-year vesting period. As of December 31, 2014, we reduced the vesting term to two years to match the director's term. We recognized \$0.02 million in cumulative expense for FY15 and \$0.01 in cumulative expense for FY14. At June 30, 2015, we had \$0.01 million of unrecognized stock compensation expense related to the non-vested restricted stock award that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 0.44 years.

On June 25, 2014, we granted 0.2 million stock options, with the right to purchase Company Class A common shares, to our Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer. The stock options vest over four years and had a fair value at date of grant of \$0.4 million. We account for our employee stock options under the fair value method of accounting using a Black-Scholes valuation model to measure stock option expense at the date of grant. The expected life assumptions for employee grants are based upon the simplified method, which averages the contractual term of the options of ten years with the average vesting term of four years for an average of six years. The risk-free interest rate is based on the expected U.S. Treasury rate over the expected life. Volatility reflects movements in our stock price over the most recent historical period equivalent to the expected life. The dividend yield assumption of zero is based upon the fact we have never paid cash dividends and presently have no intention of paying cash dividends in the future. The fair value of the stock option is recognized as compensation cost, on a straight-line basis over the four-year

vesting period. In FY15, we recognized \$0.1 million in cumulative expense and no expense for FY14. At June 30, 2015, we had \$0.3 million of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 3 years.

On June 25, 2014, we granted 0.1 million shares of restricted stock units to our Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer which vest over four years and had a fair value at date of grant of \$0.4 million. The grant date fair value of RSU awards is recognized as compensation cost, on a straight-line basis over the four-year vesting period. In FY15, we recognized \$0.1 million in cumulative expense and no expense in FY14. At June 30, 2015, we had \$0.3 million of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 3 years.

On November 20, 2014, during our annual stockholders meeting, our stockholders approved an amendment to our 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (“2012 Plan”), to increase the number of shares of Class A common stock reserved for issuance under the 2012 Plan by 0.7 million shares or from 0.3 million shares to 1.0 million shares.

On December 15, 2014, we granted 0.01 million shares of restricted stock to certain directors of our company which vested immediately upon grant and had a fair value at date of grant of \$0.05 million and recognized expense as of December 31, 2014. The fair value of restricted stock was measured on grant date using the Company’s common stock price on grant date.

On December 15, 2014, we granted 0.01 million shares of restricted stock to certain directors of our company which vests over one year and has a fair value at date of grant of \$0.05 million. The fair value of restricted stock, measured on the date of grant using the price of the Company’s common stock on grant date, is recognized as compensation cost, on a straight-line basis over the one - year vesting period. As of June 30, 2015, we recognized \$0.03 million in cumulative expense and had \$0.02 million of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 0.5 years.

On December 15, 2014, we granted 0.008 million shares of restricted stock to a director of our company which vests over three years and has a fair value at date of grant of \$0.03 million. The fair value of restricted stock, measured on the date of grant using the price of the Company’s common stock on grant date, is recognized as compensation cost, on a straight-line basis over the three - year vesting period. As of June 30, 2015, we recognized \$0.005 of cumulative expense and had \$0.02 million of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.46 years.

Stock-based compensation is included in general and administrative expenses and sales and marketing expenses in our consolidated statement of operations. A summary of our restricted stock awards activity is presented below:

## Restricted Stock Awards

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Outstanding at June 30, 2014	148,928	\$ 4.89
Granted	35,201	3.80
Vested	(86,802)	) 3.43
Forfeited, canceled or expired	-	-
Outstanding at June 30, 2015	97,327	\$ 3.24

***Restricted Stock Units***

The 2012 Plan allows for the grant of restricted stock units (“RSUs”). RSUs are awards that will result in payment to a recipient at the end of a specified period only if the vesting criteria established by the administrator are achieved or the award otherwise vests. The administrator may impose whatever conditions to vesting, restrictions and conditions to payment it determines to be appropriate. The administrator may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals or on the continuation of service or employment. Payments of earned RSUs may be made, in the administrator’s discretion, in cash, with shares of our Class A Common Stock or other securities, or a combination thereof.

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**NOTE 13 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**, continued

A summary of our restricted stock units activity is presented below:

<b>Restricted Stock Units</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share</b>
<b>Outstanding at June 30, 2014</b>	87,500	\$ 5.00
Granted	-	
Vested	(21,875	) \$ 5.00
Forfeited, canceled or expired	-	
<b>Outstanding at June 30, 2015</b>	65,625	\$ 5.00

The following table presents total stock-based compensation expense for FY15 and FY14, respectively:

	Fiscal years ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Sales and marketing	\$ 251	\$ 341
General and administrative	310	95
	\$ 561	\$ 436

We utilize ASC 740 – Income Taxes, ordering for purposes of determining when excess tax benefits have been realized. We have elected the “with-and-without” approach regarding ordering of windfall tax benefits to determine whether the windfall tax benefit did reduce taxes payable in the current year. Under this approach, the windfall tax benefits would be recognized in additional paid-in capital only if an incremental tax benefit is realized after considering all other tax benefits presently available to us. There were no amounts recognized in FY15.

**NOTE 14 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability, otherwise known as the “exit price,” in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. We use the fair value hierarchy as a basis for our assumptions. The hierarchy of inputs used for measuring fair value are as follows: Level 1 – observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets; Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly in active markets; Level 3 – unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data and as a result, management assumptions are developed.

Our carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and long-term debt balances approximates its fair value.

In October 2012, we executed an interest rate swap obligation that was measured using observable inputs such as the LIBOR and Ten-year Treasury interest rates, and therefore has been categorized as Level 2. This derivative is not designated as a hedging instrument and has been recorded at fair value on our consolidated balance sheets. Changes in the fair value of this instrument have been recognized in our consolidated statements of operations in other income (expense). Fair values as of FY15 and FY14 are as follows:



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**NOTE 14 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, continued**

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date (in thousands)	
	Fair Value as of June 30, 2015	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
Assets		
Interest rate swap <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 20	\$ 20
Total	\$ 20	\$ 20

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Included in "Other Current Assets" in the Balance Sheet.

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date (in thousands)	
	Fair Value as of June 30, 2014	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
Assets		
Interest rate swap <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 66	\$ 66
Total	\$ 66	\$ 66

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in "Other Current Assets" in the Balance Sheet.

## **NOTE 15 – TAXES**

Prior to June 26, 2013, we had not been subject to U.S. federal income taxes and most applicable state and local income taxes as the entity was an LLC. The LLC is treated as a partnership under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The members separately account for their pro-rata share of income, deductions, losses, and credits. Therefore, no provision is made in the accompanying consolidated financial statements for liabilities for federal, state, or local income taxes since such liabilities are the responsibility of the individual members. We file income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state jurisdictions. We are no longer subject to U.S. federal or state income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2011.

We generally make distributions to our members, per the terms of our limited liability company agreement, related to such taxes. We are subject to entity level taxation in certain states. As a result, the accompanying consolidated statements of operations prior to June 26, 2013 include tax expense related to those state jurisdictions. Subsequent to June 26, 2013, we became subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes with respect to our allocable share of any taxable income of H.D.D. LLC and will be taxed at the prevailing corporate tax rates.

All of our income before taxes is recognized domestically. Income tax expense (benefit) for FY15 and FY14 consists of:

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**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 15 – TAXES, continued**

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015</b>		
	<b>(in thousands)</b>		
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Deferred</b>	<b>Total</b>
U.S. federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State and local	2	-	2
	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 2

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014</b>		
	<b>(in thousands)</b>		
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Deferred</b>	<b>Total</b>
U.S. federal	\$ -	\$ (156 )	\$ (156 )
State and local	2	(27 )	(25 )
	\$ 2	\$ (183 )	\$ (181 )

The differences between income taxes computed using the 34% statutory federal income tax rate and our effective tax rate are summarized as follows:

	<b>As of June 30,</b>	
	<b>(in thousands)</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Computed tax at statutory rate	\$ (899 )	\$ (471 )
State taxes, net of federal benefit	(74 )	(26 )
Rate benefit as a LLC	430	303
Other permanent differences	40	13
Valuation allowance	505	-
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 2	\$ (181 )

**TRUETT-HURST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****(in thousands, except certain share amounts and percentages)**

Components of deferred tax assets (liabilities) consist of the following:

	<b>As of June 30, (in thousands)</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Deferred tax assets:		
Accrued compensation	\$30	\$46
Share-based compensation	53	66
Intangible assets	5,693	3,058
Sales returns	117	-
Net operating losses	1,040	231
Other	108	90
Gross deferred tax assets	7,041	3,491
Valuation allowance	(6,678)	(3,008)
Total deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	363	483
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Inventories	(142 )	(272 )
Unrealized gain	(3 )	(12 )
Property and equipment	(218 )	(199 )
Other	-	-
Total deferred tax liability	(363 )	(483 )
Net deferred taxes	\$-	\$-

In FY14, we recorded a valuation allowance of \$3.0 million after assessing all the available positive and negative evidence to estimate if sufficient future taxable income will be generated to utilize the existing deferred tax assets. In FY15, a valuation allowance continues to be recorded on the net deferred tax assets in the amount of \$6.7 million.

We are subject to California franchise tax each year for each entity. Truett-Hurst, Inc. files income tax returns in the U.S. federal and the state jurisdiction of California. The Company has gross federal and state net operating losses of \$2.6 million respectively. Both jurisdictions have expiration dates beginning in 2034 and have a full valuation allowance recorded against them.

For Truett-Hurst, Inc., U.S. federal and state tax returns associated with fiscal year ended 2013 and 2014 are currently open to examination. U.S. federal and state tax returns for H.D.D. LLC associated with calendars years ended 2011-2014 are currently open to examination. There are no material uncertain tax positions and we expect no major changes in next twelve months.

#### **NOTE 16 – SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMER INFORMATION, SEGMENT REPORTING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

In accordance with ASC Topic 280, Segment Reporting, our chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the CEO, who reviews sales, cost of sales, and gross profit to make decisions about allocating our resources and assessing our performance. Operating and other expenses are not allocated between operating segments; therefore, operating and net income information for the respective segments is not available. In addition, discreet financial information related to segment specific assets is not available. Our primary reporting segments are identified by each distribution channel: wholesale, direct to consumer and internet. Wholesale sales include our retail exclusive brand label model and four fully-owned brands through the three-tier distribution system. Direct to consumer sales of our own brands occur through our tasting rooms and wine clubs. Internet sales occur through Wine Spies and are principally comprised of brands not owned by us. Sales and cost of sales are reported by segment.

#### *Net Sales*

The following table reflects net sales, cost of sales and gross margin by segment for each of our FY15 and FY14 periods, respectively:

#### **Net Sales**

<b>Distribution Channel</b>	<b>For the years ended</b>	
	<b>(in thousands, except percentages)</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Wholesale	\$ 16,803	\$ 15,808
Direct to consumer	4,839	4,038
Internet	4,984	2,211
Total net sales	\$ 26,626	\$ 22,057

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**NOTE 16 – SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMER INFORMATION, SEGMENT REPORTING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, continued**

**Cost of Sales**

	<b>For the years ended</b>	
	<b>(in thousands, except percentages)</b>	
<b>Distribution Channel</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Wholesale	\$ 13,415	\$ 11,668
Direct to consumer	1,768	1,565
Internet	2,702	1,395
Total cost of sales	\$ 17,885	\$ 14,628

**Gross Margin**

	<b>For the years ended</b>	
	<b>(in thousands, except percentages)</b>	
<b>Distribution Channel</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Wholesale	\$ 3,388	\$ 4,140
Direct to consumer	3,071	2,473
Internet	2,282	816
Total gross profit	\$ 8,741	\$ 7,429

	<b>For the years ended</b>			
	<b>(in thousands, except percentages)</b>			
<b>Distribution Channel</b>	<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>	
Wholesale	20.2	%	26.2	%
Direct to consumer	63.5	%	61.2	%
Internet	45.8	%	36.9	%
Overall gross margin percent of net sales	32.8	%	33.7	%

**Significant Customer Information:**

The following tables set forth concentrations of wholesale sales and accounts receivable as a percent of each total:

	Percent of Total Net Sales				Accounts Receivable as of			
	Ended June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		2014	
	2015		2014		2015		2014	
Customer A	5	%	8	%	-		2	%
Customer B	3	%	5	%	24	%	24	%
Customer C	5	%	7	%	9	%	4	%
Customer D	19	%	26	%	9	%	30	%
Customer E	-		-		-		-	
Customer F	-		2	%	-		-	
Customer G	1	%	2	%	1	%	7	%
Customer H	35	%	30	%	20	%	18	%
Customer I	4	%	2	%	18	%	-	
Customer J	4	%	5	%	1	%	-	

During FY15 and FY14, international sales were 8% of our wholesale net sales.

**NOTE 17 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

We have evaluated all subsequent event activity through the issue date of these consolidated financial statements and concluded that no additional subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the consolidated financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

## **Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

### **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Control and Procedures**

The Company carried out an evaluation, with the participation of our management, and under the supervision of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined under Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2015.

#### **Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. We conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control processes over financial reporting and concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of June 30, 2015.

We intend to regularly review and evaluate the design and effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting on an ongoing basis and to improve these controls and procedures over time and to correct any deficiencies that we may discover in the future. While we believe the present design of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting are effective, future events affecting our business may cause us to modify our controls and procedures.

This Form 10-K does not include an attestation report of our independent registered certified public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our



independent registered certified public accounting firm pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules of the SEC promulgated thereunder, which permit the Company to provide only management's report in this Annual Report.

### **Inherent Limitations of Controls**

Management does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all error and all fraud. Controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, can be detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

### **Item 9B. Other Information**

None.

### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The information required under this Item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed relating to our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the 2015 fiscal year.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required under this Item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed relating to our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the 2015 fiscal year.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters

The information required under this Item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed relating to our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the 2015 fiscal year.

Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence

The information required under this Item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed relating to our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the 2015 fiscal year.

**Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

The information required under this Item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed relating to our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the 2015 fiscal year.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

**(a)1. Financial Statements.**

See Item 8 included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**(a)2. Financial Statements Schedule.**

All other schedules are omitted because they are not required, or are not applicable, or the information is included in the financial statements.

**(a)3. Exhibits:**

A list of exhibits required to be filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is set forth in the Exhibit Index, which immediately precedes such exhibits and is incorporated herein by reference.

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

The agreements and other documents filed as exhibits to this report are not intended to provide factual information or other disclosure other than with respect to the terms of the agreements or other documents themselves, and you should not rely on them for that purpose. In particular, any representations and warranties made by us in these agreements or other documents were made solely within the specific context of the relevant agreement or document and may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

**Exhibit Number Description**

3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Truett-Hurst, Inc., dated December 28, 2012+
3.2	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Truett-Hurst, Inc.+
3.3	Bylaws of Truett-Hurst, Inc.+
3.4	Third Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of H.D.D. LLC, dated as of June 19, 2013+
4.1	Class A common stock certificate+
4.2	Class B common stock certificate+
10.1	2012 Stock Incentive Plan+
10.2	Exchange Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2013, by and among Truett-Hurst, Inc. and the members of H.D.D. LLC from time to time party thereto+
10.3	Tax Receivable Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2013, by and among Truett-Hurst, Inc., H.D.D. LLC and the members of H.D.D. LLC from time to time party thereto.+
10.4	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2013, by and among Truett-Hurst, Inc. and the members of H.D.D. LLC from time to time party thereto+
10.5	Loan and Security Agreement dated July 15, 2015+
10.6	Accounts Receivable line of Credit Note dated July 15, 2015+
10.7	Equipment Purchase Line of Credit Note dated July 15, 2015+
14	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics+
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Accounting Firm
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

- (1) + Indicates documents previously filed with our registration and prospectus filings with the SEC.

SIGNATURES

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto, duly authorized on September 28, 2015.

**TRUETT-HURST, INC.**

By: /s/ Phillip L. Hurst  
Phillip L. Hurst  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Company and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Phillip L. Hurst	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	September 28, 2015
Paul Forgue	Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operations Officer	September 28, 2015
Paul E. Dolan, III	Director & Secretary	September 28, 2015
Barrie Graham	Director	September 28, 2015
Daniel A. Carroll	Director	September 28, 2015
Heath E. Dolan	Director	September 28, 2015
John D. Fruth	Director	September 28, 2015
James F. Verhey	Director	September 28, 2015
Marcus Benedetti	Director	September 28, 2015