

ACCT 351COM Research Question – Spring 2015

Assignment Objectives

- To research accounting topics using the FASB Accounting Standards Codification system (FASB ASC).
- To clearly communicate your response to a specific question based on your research and analysis.
- To properly document your research by integrating paraphrases, citations, and references in your communication.
- To write a well-organized paragraph, beginning with a topic sentence that is supported through one or more sentence(s) presenting relevant, detailed information on the applicable FASB ASC standards with proper documentation, and analyzing the relevant facts.

Research Questions

Justin Time, a partner at your firm, has given you a research assignment. He wants to know how to treat the following accounting issue for a client that is a publicly-traded company.

Question

In 2014, iVineyard expanded its operations into the San Luis Obispo County of California to grow grapes for local wineries. After the vineyard was prepared, 200,000 baby grape vines were planted. The vines are not expected to produce grapes with the quality suitable for wine-making until 2019. At that time, iVineyard will sell the entire crop to local wineries. Before then (2019), the company will sell all the grapes harvested each year at local farmers' markets. The company's CEO would like to know how to properly account for these farmers' market sales.

Writing Assignment

Write a memo of not more than one page that clearly and concisely answers the research question. Paraphrase the applicable standard and demonstrate that you understand the meaning of all words used in the standard (i.e., if there is a word that the client might not understand its use, carefully explain what it means in the application of the standard). Use the format you learned in ACCT 350 for citations and references. References should be listed on a separate page. You are not required to attach your excerpts to this memo. Assume a December 31 year-end.

Use the FASB online Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) for researching these questions. In case you lost it, the username and password are

Username - AAA51845
Password - 8wC3RNK

The login URL for the ASC is <http://aaahq.org/ascLogin.cfm>.

Important: For this assignment only, ignore "Pending Content" in the Codification.