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## FORM 10-K

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

## FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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#### AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)					
Nevada		87-3905007			
(State or other jurisdiction of	· ·	(IRS Employer			
incorporation or organization)		Identification No.)			
	P.O. Box 78984 Charlotte, NC 28271 (Address and Zip Code of principal executive offices)				
(Regist	trant's telephone number, including area code): (855) 766-9463				
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:					
Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered			
Common stock, \$0.001 par value	AMZE	NYSE American			

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes □ No ☑

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Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	
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The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates was \$5,610,312 as of June 30, 2024 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), based on a total of 9,182,180 shares of common stock held by non-affiliates and a closing price of \$0.611 as reported on the NYSE American on June 30, 2024. For purposes of this computation, all officers, directors, and 10% beneficial owners of the registrant are deemed to be affiliates. Such determination should not be deemed to be an admission that such officers, directors or 10% beneficial owners are, in fact, affiliates of the registrant.

As of March 31, 2025, Amaze Holdings, Inc. had 16,713,398 shares of common stock outstanding.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement relating to the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated herein by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the extent stated herein. Such proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the registrant's fiscal year ended

December 31, 2024.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

On March 7, 2025, Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. ("Fresh Vine" and after the acquisition described herein, "Amaze Holdings, Inc.") completed the acquisition of Amaze Software, Inc. (the Acquisition"), pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of March 7, 2024 (the "Merger Agreement") by and among Fresh Vine, Amaze Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), Amaze Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Amaze Software"), the stockholders of Amaze Software listed on Schedule I thereto (each, a "Holder" and together the "Holders"), and Aaron Day, solely in his capacity as the Holders' Representative (the "Holders' Representative"). Amaze Software is an end-to-end, creator-powered commerce platform offering tools for seamless product creation, advanced e-commerce solutions, and scalable managed services. Effective March 24, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), Fresh Vine was renamed "Amaze Holdings, Inc." ("Amaze").

Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this Annual Report to "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Fresh Vine prior to the Effective Date and to Amaze Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries following the Effective Date, and references to "Amaze Software" refer Amaze Software, Inc.

The Company's common stock is listed on the NYSE American under the symbol "AMZE" as of the Effective Date.

## **Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

We make forward-looking statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning our strategies, future operations, future financial position and operating results, capital adequacy, growth opportunities, prospects, and plans and objectives of our management team. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "may," "might," "should," "would," "could," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "intend," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential" or "continue," and the negative of these terms and other comparable terminology. The forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are based on current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on us. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting us will be those that we have anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those factors described below and under the heading "Risk Factors."

- the potential effect of the announcement of the acquisition on Amaze Software's or Fresh Vine's business relationships, performance and business generally, including potential difficulties in employee retention;
- the outcome of any legal proceedings related to the merger agreement or the acquisition;
- the risk that the anticipated benefits of the acquisition or other commercial opportunities may otherwise not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected;
- the risk that integration of Amaze Software and Fresh Vine post-closing may not occur as anticipated or the combined company may not be able to achieve the growth
  prospects and synergies expected from the transaction, as well as the risk of potential delays, challenges and expenses associated with integrating the combined
  company's existing businesses;
- · the risk that we will need to raise additional capital to execute our business plan, which may not be available on acceptable terms or at all;
- the risk that we will experience difficulties in managing our growth;
- We have a limited operating history and have generated limited revenue to date;
- We have not generated profits from operations to date;

- We need to hire additional executive officers and other personnel;
- The success of our existing business depends heavily on the strength of our wine brand;
- · Business growth will place increased demands on our management, operational and production capabilities;
- Our advertising and promotional investments may affect our financial results but not be effective;
- · We have relied heavily on celebrities to endorse our wines and market our brand pursuant to license agreements which have been terminated;
- We rely heavily on third-party suppliers and service providers;
- We face significant competition with an increasing number of products and market participants;
- Consolidation of the distributors of our wines, as well as the consolidation of retailers, may increase competition in an already crowded space;
- A reduction in consumer demand for wine could materially and adversely affect our business;
- · We are heavily reliant on distributors that resell alcoholic beverages in all states in which we do business.
- Our marketing strategy involves continued expansion into the direct-to-consumer channel, which may present risks and challenges for which we are not adequately prepared.
- · Inclement weather, drought, pests, plant diseases and other factors could reduce the amount or quality of the grapes available to produce our wines.
- If we are unable to obtain adequate supplies of premium juice from third-party juice suppliers, the quantity or quality of our wine production could be adversely affected:
- We may be unable to identify and obtain adequate supplies of quality agricultural, raw and processed materials, or the cost of the commodities or products may increase;
- We have been engaged in litigation with our former Chief Operating Officer;
- The impact of U.S. and worldwide economic trends and financial market conditions could materially and adversely affect our business, liquidity, financial condition and results of operations;
- If we are unable to secure and protect our intellectual property, the value of our wine brands and intellectual property could decline;
- · We may not be fully insured against catastrophic perils, which may cause us to experience a material financial loss;
- A failure of one or more of our key IT systems, networks, processes, associated sites or service providers could have a material adverse impact on business operations and financial condition;
- Our failure to adequately maintain and protect the personal information of our customers or our employees in compliance with evolving legal requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business;
- As a producer of alcoholic beverages, we are regularly the subject of regulatory reviews, proceedings and audits by governmental entities;
- New and changing environmental requirements, and new market pressures related to climate change, could materially and adversely affect our business, results of
  operations and financial results;

- Changes in foreign and domestic laws and government regulations to which we are currently subject may increase our costs or limit our ability to sell our wines into certain markets;
- Our failure to maintain compliance with NYSE American listing requirements could result in the delisting of our common stock, and our common stock could become subject to the penny stock rules;
- · We incur significant legal, accounting, and other expenses associated with being a public company.
- We cannot be certain that the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies will not make our shares less attractive to investors;
- We may fail to develop and/or maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting.
- Provisions of our corporate governance documents could make an acquisition of our Company more difficult and may prevent attempts by our stockholders to replace
  or remove our current management.
- Your percentage ownership in us may be diluted by future issuances of capital stock.
- An active, liquid trading market for our common stock may not develop;
- Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could cause the market price of our common stock to drop significantly, even if our business is performing well;
- As a public company, we are subject to additional laws, regulations and stock exchange listing standards, which will result in additional costs to us and may strain our resources and divert our management's attention;
- We have no current plans to pay cash dividends on our common stock; and
- The risk that we will need to raise additional capital to execute our business plan, which may not be available on acceptable terms or at all; and We may require additional debt and equity capital to pursue our business objectives.

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. Some of these risks and uncertainties may in the future be amplified by a global crises and/or any response to such a crisis and there may be additional risks that we consider immaterial or which are unknown. It is not possible to predict or identify all such risks. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes market data and forecasts with respect to the wine industry. We have obtained this market data and certain industry forecasts from various independent third-party sources, including industry publications, reports by market research firms, surveys, and other independent sources. Some data and information are based on management's estimates and calculations, which are derived from our review and interpretation of internal company research and data, surveys, and independent sources. We believe the data regarding the industry in which we compete and our market position and market share within this industry generally indicate size, position, and market share within this industry; however, this data is inherently imprecise and is subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and risks due to a variety of factors, including those described in "Risk Factors." These and other factors could cause our future performance to differ materially from our assumptions and estimates.

In addition, statements that "we believe" and similar statements reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. These statements are based on information available to us as of the date of this report. Although we believe that information provides a reasonable basis for these statements, that information may be limited or incomplete. Our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain, and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on these statements.

#### PART I

## ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

#### Overview

Amaze Holdings, Inc. (formerly Fresh Vine Wine, Inc.) is a premier producer of low carb, low calorie, premium wines in the United States. Founded in 2019, the Company brings an innovative "better-for-you" solution to the wine market. Offering bold, crisp, and creamy wines that embody health, warmth, and a deeper connection to wellness and an active lifestyle, we offer a unique and innovative collection of today's most popular varietals. We currently sell seven proprietary varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé, Sparkling Rosé, and a limited Reserve Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. All varietals have been produced and bottled in Napa, California.

Effective March 24, 2025, we changed our name to Amaze Holdings, Inc. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this Annual Report to "Fresh Vine," "Fresh Vine Wine," "Amaze," "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Amaze Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries, and references to "Amaze Software" refer to our wholly owned subsidiary Amaze Software, Inc.

#### **Recent Developments**

## Agreement and Plan of Merger

On March 7, 2025, Fresh Vine completed the acquisition of Amaze Software, Inc., pursuant to an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of March 7, 2025 (the "Merger Agreement") by and among Fresh Vine, Amaze Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Fresh Vine ("Merger Sub"), Amaze Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Amaze Software"), the stockholders of Amaze Software listed on Schedule I thereto (each, a "Holder" and together the "Holders"), and Aaron Day, solely in his capacity as the Holders' Representative (the "Holders' Representative"). Amaze Software is an end-to-end, creator-powered commerce platform offering tools for seamless product creation, advanced e-commerce solutions, and scalable managed services.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, (i) Merger Sub merged with and into Amaze Software (the "Merger") with Amaze Software as the surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Fresh Vine, and (ii) the aggregate merger consideration paid by Fresh Vine in connection with the acquisition included 750,000 shares of the Fresh Vine's Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series D Preferred Stock"), plus warrants (the "Merger Warrants") to purchase an aggregate of 8,750,000 shares of Fresh Vine's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock").

#### **Our Existing Business**

We are a premier producer of low carb, low calorie, premium wines in the United States. Founded in 2019, the Company brings an innovative "better-for-you" solution to the wine market. Offering bold, crisp, and creamy wines that embody health, warmth, and a deeper connection to wellness and an active lifestyle, we offer a unique and innovative collection of today's most popular varietals. We currently sell seven proprietary varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé, Sparkling Rosé, and a limited Reserve Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. All varietals have been produced and bottled in Napa, California.

Our wines are focused on the affordable luxury segment. Importantly, our wines stand out in the luxury wine market because they address the preferences of our target demographic of consumers with moderate to affluent income and with a desire to pursue a healthy and active lifestyles for a low-calorie, low-carb, gluten-free product, while concurrently delivering the quality and taste profile of a premium wine brand. This allows us to position our wines in the "better for you" segment that seeks to appeal to consumers' emphasis on a healthy lifestyle. While we believe our product offerings have mass appeal among all consumers of affordable luxury wines, we have positioned the Company brand as a complement to the healthy and active lifestyles of younger generation wine consumers.

Our core wine offerings are priced strategically to appeal to mass markets and sell at a list price between \$15 and \$25 per bottle - price points that support a premium product strategy, appeal to mass markets, and allow us to offer significant value across all consumer distribution channels. Given the Company's brand "better-for-you" appeal and overall product quality, we believe that it presents today's consumers with a unique value proposition within this price category.

As a testament to the quality of our varietals, in September 2022 we announced that The Tasting Panel Magazine and The Somm Journal, two highly regarded wine publications, had awarded the Company's California Cabernet Sauvignon, 2020 Vintage, a 92 Rating (out of 100). This is the second of our varietals to receive a 92 Rating during 2022, with our Limited Reserve Napa Cabernet Sauvignon receiving a Rating of 92 from James Suckling, regarded as one of the world's most influential wine critics, in July. Also, in July 2022, our 2020 California Pinot Noir and California 2021 Rosé varietals were awarded Bronze Medals by TEXSOM. In 2022, the Company's varietals were recognized by various industry authorities with a total of 16 separate awards.

Our wines are distributed across the United States and Puerto Rico through wholesale, retail, and direct-to-consumer (DTC) channels. We are able to conduct wholesale distribution of our wines in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. As of December 31, 2024, we hold relationships with wholesale distributors in 50 states. We are working with leading distributors, including Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits (SGWS), Johnson Brothers, and Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC), to continue and expand our presence across the contiguous United States.

Our DTC channel enables us to sell wine directly to the consumer at full retail prices. Although these prices are consistent with our suggested retail prices (SRPs), we incur two mark-ups of approximately 30% each for our distributor and retail partners when selling wine through our wholesale distribution channel, therefore directly reducing our revenue and margins. Because the DTC channel provides significantly higher margins than sales generated through wholesale distributors, we intend to further invest in DTC capabilities to ensure it remains an integral part of our business. We also believe continued investment in DTC technologies and capabilities are critical to maintaining an intimate relationship with our customers, which is becoming increasingly digital. In addition, we also sell through alternative DTC sales platforms, such as ecommerce marketplaces, product aggregators and virtual distributors, all of which have experienced significant recent growth, as well as sales through home delivery services.

We do not own or operate any vineyards. Instead of cultivating our own grapes, we have used Fior di Sole, a third-party supplier, to source grapes. This allows us to leverage our supplier's broad network of vendor relationships and purchasing power to negotiate favorable cost structures. Because our supplier procures product inputs on our behalf, including bulk juice, we do not currently engage directly with grape growers ("growers") or bulk distributors of juice ("bulk distributors"). As a result, we have limited front-end supply chain visibility. This is a strategy by design that we believe provides us with access to diversified growers and large distributors, which reduces our reliance upon any single vendor and mitigates our exposure to droughts, wildfires, spoilage, contamination and other supply side risks common to the wine industry.

Our supplier procures grapes and/or juice for our existing varietals from California. This juice is then stored in Napa until time of production, at which point it is made available for blending and bottling processes at our Napa Valley production and bottling facility. This is significant in that both blending and bottling must occur within Napa to be considered produced and bottled in Napa — a distinctive product attribute that adds significant production value to our brand in the eyes of consumers. However, wine produced by the Company will only be labelled with a Napa Valley appellation of origin if it is produced from grapes grown in the Napa Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA). The labels for the Company's core wines identify California as the appellation of origin.

Our asset-light operating model allows us to utilize third-party assets, including land and production facilities. This approach helps us mitigate many of the risks associated with agribusiness, such as isolated droughts or fires. Because we source product inputs from multiple geographically dispersed vendors, we reduce reliance on any one vendor and benefit from broad availability/optionality of product inputs. This is particularly important as a California-based wine producer where droughts or fires can have an extremely detrimental impact to a company's supply chain if not diversified.

## Our Strengths

## Differentiated Product Offerings — Premium, Napa Valley Wines within the "Better-For-You" Segment

We offer wines that are differentiated from those sold by other wine producers operating within the better-for-you segment of the affordable luxury category based on our premium quality, our association with an award-winning winemaker and our Napa Valley based state of the art production.

• Premium Wines. Premium wines are differentiated from other varietals based on consumers' perception and expectation that they are of exceptional quality. We have developed a proprietary winemaking process that produces superior quality and taste in the affordable luxury wine category based on consumer preferences data, direct consumer feedback and careful market research. Importantly, our current wines stand out in the luxury wine market because they address consumers' growing preference for a less-calorie, less-carb, less sugar and gluten-free option, while concurrently delivering the quality and taste profile of a premium wine brand.

- Award-Winning Winemaker. We conducted an international search to find an accomplished winemaker who shared the Company's vision and have entered into an agreement with Jamey Whetstone, an established, award winning winemaker from Napa Valley, to develop our wines. Consulting with the Company's brand compliments Mr. Whetstone's lifestyle as an active surfer, skier, and all-around outdoorsman. His passion for winemaking is mirrored by his passion for adventure, and he too wanted to create a better-for-you wine that customers can be proud to bring to the table for any occasion. We believe it is unique for a high-profile winemaker like Mr. Whetstone to attach his name and reputation to a brand in the better-for-you wine segment, and we believe that Mr. Whetstone's association with our brand increases consumer awareness and speaks to the quality of our varietals.
- Produced and Bottled in Napa Valley. Importantly, we are able to market our wines as being produced and bottled in Napa Valley, California. We believe that this
  designation impacts consumption decisions of many wine drinkers, as Napa Valley-produced wines are considered by many to be a sign of superior production quality.
  However, wine produced by the Company will only be labelled with a Napa Valley appellation of origin if it is produced from grapes grown in the Napa Valley
  American Viticultural Area (AVA). The labels for the Company's existing wines identify California as the appellation of origin. Currently, this only applies to our
  Reserve wine.

## Capital-Efficient and Scalable Operational Structure

We have strategically structured our organization and operations to minimize our capital investment requirements while maintaining flexibility to rapidly scale our production capabilities to meet consumer demands. We do this by utilizing internal capabilities while leveraging a network of reputable third-party providers with industry experience and expertise that we use to perform various functions falling outside our internal core competencies.

Production and Bottling on an Alternating Proprietorship Basis

We contracted with Fior di Sole, an industry leading packaging innovation and wine production company based in Napa Valley, California, to serve as a "host winery" and to occupy a portion of its production and warehouse facility and utilize its production equipment on an alternating proprietorship basis. Under this arrangement, we used capacity at Fior di Sole's production facility at times mutually convenient to us and Fior di Sole to produce and bottle our wines for an initial set-up fee and a recurring monthly fee. Fior di Sole was responsible for keeping its production equipment in good operating order. When the alternating Premises was operated by or used on behalf of our Company, it was operated pursuant to our federal basic permit and California winegrower's license. Under our agreement with Fior di Sole, we were solely responsible for managing and conducting our own winemaking activities and we made all production decisions relating to our wines. However, we could have requested the use of Fior di Sole's personnel to perform crush, fermentation, blending, cellar, warehousing, barrel topping and/or bottling services for additional fees. This arrangement had allowed us to commence our operations and build the Company brand without having to incur the considerable overhead costs involved with the purchase or full-time lease of a production facility. The term of the agreement commenced in July 2019, had an initial term of one year and automatically renews for additional one-year terms unless either party provides 90 days written notice to the other of its intent to terminate at the end of the then current term. Either party may terminate the agreement upon 30 days written notice if the other party is in violation of any law or regulation that renders it impossible to perform its obligations under the agreement for a period of greater than 30 days, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or files for bankruptcy protection, or is in material breach of its obligations under the agreement and such fail

Fior di Sole also provided us with capacity juice and blends, finishes, bottles, stops, labels and packages our wine, which reduced our internal overhead expenses and allowed us to benefit from that company's increased purchasing power. Fior di Sole provided these services on a purchase order basis, which purchase orders were subject to the parties' mutual agreement and governed by a Custom Winemaking and Bottling Agreement. This agreement outlined the schedule for placing orders, the responsibility and schedule for delivery of production materials, procedures for establishing the wine bottling date and delivery date. We were required to remit 20% of the amount due for wine produced, bottled and packaged pursuant to this agreement upon our submission of a purchase order. The payment advance was used by Fior Di Sole to reserve or procure materials on our behalf with additional vendors for bottles, boxes, corks, labels, juice, and other inputs. We, or our winemaker on our behalf, oversaw the production at the winery and approved all components and aspects of the production process. The balance of the amount due for wine produced, bottled and packaged (the remaining 80%) was due following our quality review and acceptance of the finished product. This agreement was terminated in December 2023.

## Licensing, Tax and Regulatory Compliance

We have contracted with a third-party to manage our regulatory licensing and compliance activities. We maintain licenses that enable us to distribute our wine to all 50 states. We currently utilize software tools available to the industry and work with our license compliance service provider to navigate and manage the complex state-by-state tax and other regulations that apply to our operations in the beverage alcohol industry. This has enabled us to reduce the administrative burden of tax compliance, reporting and product registration.

We believe that leveraging our network of supply chain and compliance partners, consultants and service providers enables us to avoid potential costly and lengthy delays on nearly every aspect of our business, from grapes to packaging materials, and will accelerate our return on capital due to our limited need to procure expensive equipment, real estate, and other capital-intensive resources.

## Sales and Marketing Strategy

### Omni-Channel Marketing Approach

Today's consumers interact with brands through many channels, from traditional media to social media and other digital channels, and through various in-person and online purchasing methods. In order to build the visibility of our brand and create a grassroots consumer following to support our DTC distribution channel, we have employed a strategic omnichannel marketing approach that we believe allows us to engage with our target consumers on their terms to expand and deepen their recognition of our brand. In addition to other mass market promotional activities, our marketing strategy also utilizes modern techniques, efficiency measures, and channels not commonly seen in the wine industry, including a combination of social media lifestyle and wine influencer activities, through which brand ambassadors or "influencers" may conduct promotional activities through the Company's or their own social media channels including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube and Pinterest, among others.

As we expand our marketing presence and drive visibility through traditional and modern marketing methods, we expect to build awareness and name recognition for the Company in consumers' minds. Brand awareness will be built substantially through social media channels. Our brand, and to a large extent our direct-to-consumer sales outlet, has historically been dependent on the image and popularity of, and affinity towards, Nina Dobrev and Julianne Hough. Ms. Dobrev and Ms. Hough served as celebrity spokespersons and ambassadors of our company, and actively endorsed our wines on their sizable social media and other outlets pursuant to agreements that granted us licenses to use their pre-approved name, likeness, image, and other indicia of identity, as well as certain content published on their social media and other channels, on and in conjunction with the sale and related pre-approved advertising and promotion of our wine. Such license agreements terminated on September 7, 2023 and, as a result, we will be required to refocus our marketing and brand promotion efforts. See "Item 1A Risk Factors - We have relied heavily on celebrities to endorse our wines and market our brand pursuant to license agreements which have been terminated."

## Professional Sports Sponsorships

We have previously entered into sponsorship agreements with professional sports organizations and venues spanning all four major United States professional sports leagues, which support our commitment and outreach to consumers focused on active and healthy lifestyles.

These sponsorship arrangements generally provide us with advertising placements at the stadiums and arenas during sporting and concert events, as well as specified media and other advertising and promotional benefits, in exchange for our payment of annual sponsorship fees. As of December 31, 2024 all sponsorship agreements have been cancelled. We do not anticipate pursuing new professional sports sponsorships as part of our marketing and brand awareness initiatives going forward since our brand has reached national retail distribution.

#### Labelling and Innovative Packaging Initiatives

We believe wine labelling can have a big impact on consumers' purchasing practices. We conduct market research to validate the consistency of our wine labels with our brand narrative. Packaging also continues to be a key driver of brand perception, and we are exploring "active lifestyle packaging" alternatives to traditional bottling that provides an opportunity for our customers to enjoy the Company in non-traditional settings now and for future years, including bottles with screw-off caps, aluminum cans, and smaller size bottles and cans that can be taken on-the-go and are ideal for in-store point of purchase sales.

## Engagement with Industry Experienced Third Party Vendors

In October 2022, we executed a strategy that is aimed at amplifying cash preservation initiatives while continuing to focus on accelerating sales growth. The plan resulted in the termination of ten employees on the Company's internal sales team and the engagement by the Company of a third party sales and distribution management company positioned to more efficiently and effectively facilitate current and future product sales. In addition, the Company engaged a reputable third party vendor to manage marketing initiatives and drive growth primarily within the Company's Direct-to-Consumer sales channel. This agreement terminated in July 2023.

## Amaze Holding's Strategy for Growth

We have been executing the following strategies to gain brand and product visibility and increase sales and market share:

- Continuing to establish brand visibility, awareness and credibility through mass and micro marketing tactics and association with other strong brands. These range from organic to paid media.
- Continuing to build grass roots demand through high visibility sales and marketing activities that promote high margin DTC and home delivery sales channels, including continued investment in DTC technologies and capabilities that are critical to maintaining an intimate relationship with consumers.
- Expanding our U.S.-based wholesale and retail distribution network by leveraging our product and brand differentiation, the emerging better-for-you category and to provide distribution partners with a differentiated value proposition.
- · Pursuing distribution of our wines internationally.
- Embracing disruptive technologies and customer trends, and exploring and expanding partnerships with other organizations investing in customer-centric technologies, such as home delivery, third party wine clubs and evolving alternative DTC purchasing methods, such as ecommerce marketplaces, product aggregators and virtual distributors.
- Expanding and strengthening key supply chain relationships, including with current and future juice suppliers, bottlers, materials suppliers, and dry goods suppliers, to establish a diversified portfolio of partners across all areas of our supply chain and to maintain effective capital management.
- Continuing to add to the Amaze product portfolio by developing new varietals that fit within the better-for-you category and are consistent with our existing brand.
- Continuing to invest in packaging innovation, including "active lifestyle packaging" alternatives to traditional bottling that provides an opportunity for our customers to enjoy Amaze wines in non-traditional settings.
- Capitalizing on upward price mobility While many other wine companies are experiencing downward price pressure to enter the coveted under \$30 category, our wines currently sell for suggested retail prices ranging from \$15 to \$25 per bottle.
- Developing additional wine brands by replicating the strategies used to build the Amaze brand via business service line agreements.

With over 500,000 licensed retail accounts (according to Neilson) in the United States, there remains ample opportunity to continue broadening distribution of our wines as well as increasing the volume of wine sold to existing accounts.

## Competition

The wine industry and alcohol markets generally are intensely competitive. Our wines compete domestically and internationally with other premium or higher quality wines produced in Europe, South America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, as well as North America. Our wines compete on the basis of quality, price, brand recognition and distribution capability. The ultimate consumer has many choices of products from both domestic and international producers. Our wines may be considered to compete with all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

At any given time, there are more than 400,000 wine choices available to consumers, differing with one another based on vintage, variety or blend, location and other factors. Accordingly, we experience competition from nearly every segment of the wine industry. Additionally, some of our competitors have greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources, offer a wider range of products, and have greater name recognition, which may give them greater negotiating leverage with distributors and allow them to offer their products in more locations and/or on better terms than us. Nevertheless, we believe that our brand offerings, scalable infrastructure and relationships with one of the largest domestic distributors will allow us to continue growing our business.

#### IT Systems

We rely on various IT systems, owned by us and third parties, to effectively manage our sales and marketing, accounting, financial, legal and compliance functions. Our website is hosted by a third party, and we rely on third-party vendors for regulatory compliance for order processing, shipments, and e-commerce functionality. We believe these systems are scalable to support our growth plans. We recognize the value of enhancing and extending the uses of information technology in our business.

## **Regulatory Matters**

## Regulatory framework

We, along with our contract growers, producers, manufacturers, distributors, retail accounts and ingredients and packaging suppliers, are subject to extensive regulation in the United States by federal, state and local government authorities with respect to registration, production processes, product attributes, packaging, labelling, storage and distribution of wine and other products we make.

We are also subject to state and local tax requirements in all states where our wine is sold. We monitor the requirements of relevant jurisdictions to maintain compliance with all tax liability and reporting matters. In California, we are subject to a number of governmental authorities, and are also subject to city and county building, land use, licensing and other codes and regulations.

## Alcohol-related regulation

We are subject to extensive regulation in the United States by federal, state and local laws regulating the production, distribution and sale of consumable food items, and specifically alcoholic beverages, including by the TTB and the FDA. The TTB is primarily responsible for overseeing alcohol production records supporting tax obligations, issuing wine labelling guidelines, including grape source and bottle fill requirements, as well as reviewing and issuing certificates of label approval, which are required for the sale of wine through interstate commerce. We carefully monitor compliance with TTB rules and regulations, as well as the state law of each state in which we sell our wines. In California, where most of our wines are made, we are subject to alcohol-related licensing and regulations by many authorities, including the ABC. ABC agents and representatives investigate applications for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages, report on the moral character and fitness of alcohol license applicants and the suitability of premises where sales are to be conducted and enforce California alcoholic beverages laws. We are subject to municipal authorities with respect to aspects of our operations, including the terms of our use permits. These regulations may limit the production of wine and control the sale of wine, among other elements.

## Employee and occupational safety regulation

We are subject to certain state and federal employee safety and employment practices regulations, including regulations issued pursuant to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA"), and regulations governing prohibited workplace discriminatory practices and conditions, including those regulations relating to COVID-19 virus transmission mitigation practices. These regulations require us to comply with manufacturing safety standards, including protecting our employees from accidents, providing our employees with a safe and non-hostile work environment and being an equal opportunity employer. In California, we are also subject to employment and safety regulations issued by state and local authorities.

### Environmental regulation

As a result of our wine production activities, we and certain third parties with which we work are subject to federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. Federal regulations govern, among other things, air emissions, wastewater and stormwater discharges, and the treatment, handling and storage and disposal of materials and wastes. State environmental regulations and authorities intended to address and oversee environmental issues are largely state-level analogues to federal regulations and authorities intended to perform the similar purposes. In California, we are also subject to state-specific rules, such as those contained in the California Environmental Quality Act, California Air Resources Act, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, California Water Code sections 13300-13999 and Title 23 of the California Administrative Code and various sections of the Health and Safety Code. We are subject to local environmental regulations that address a number of elements of our wine production process, including air quality, the handling of hazardous waste, recycling, water use and discharge, emissions and traffic impacts.

#### Labelling regulation

Many of our wines are identified by their appellation of origin, which are among the most highly regarded wine growing regions in the world. An appellation may be present on a wine label only if it meets the requirements of applicable state and federal regulations that seek to ensure the consistency and quality of wines from a specific territory. These appellations designate the specific geographic origin of most or all (depending on the appellation) of the wine's grapes, and can be a political subdivision (e.g., a country, state or county) or a designated viticultural area. The rules for vineyard designation are similar. Although we expect that most of our labels will maintain the same appellation of origin from year to year, we may choose to change the appellation of one or more of our wines from time to time to take advantage of high-quality grapes in other areas or to change the profile of a wine.

## Privacy and security regulation

We collect personal information from individuals. Accordingly, we are subject to several data privacy and security related regulations, including but not limited to: U.S. state privacy, security and breach notification laws; the GDPR; and other European privacy laws as well as privacy laws being adopted in other regions around the world. In addition, the FTC and many state attorneys general are interpreting existing federal and state consumer protection laws to impose evolving standards for the online collection, use, dissemination and security of information about individuals. Certain states have also adopted robust data privacy and security laws and regulations. For example, the CCPA, which took effect in 2020, imposes obligations and restrictions on businesses regarding their collection, use, and sharing of personal information and provides new and enhanced data privacy rights to California residents, such as affording them the right to access and delete their personal information and to opt out of certain sharing of personal information. In response to the data privacy laws and regulations discussed above and those in other countries in which we do business, we have implemented several technological safeguards, processes, contractual third-party provisions, and employee trainings to help ensure that we handle information about our employees and customers in a compliant manner. We maintain a global privacy policy and related procedures, and we train our workforce to understand and comply with applicable privacy laws.

## **Intellectual Property**

We strive to protect the reputation of our wine brand. We establish, protect and defend our intellectual property in a number of ways, including through employee and third-party nondisclosure agreements, copyright laws, domestic and foreign trademark protections, intellectual property licenses and social media and information security policies for employees. We have been granted three (3) trademark registrations in the United States for FRESH VINE®, FRESH VINE (Stylized)®, and our FV Logo®, and numerous trademark registrations in other countries for the FRESH VINE mark, and we have filed, and expect to continue to file, trademark applications seeking to protect any newly-developed wine brands. We have also been granted a copyright registration in the first version of our website located at www.freshvine.com. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference in or otherwise a part of this report. As a copyright exists in a work of art once it is fixed in tangible medium, we intend to continue to file copyright applications to protect newly-developed works of art that are important to our business.

We also rely on, and carefully protect, proprietary knowledge and expertise, including the sources of certain supplies, formulations, production processes, innovation regarding product development and other trade secrets necessary to maintain and enhance our competitive position.

### Seasonality

There is a degree of seasonality in the growing cycles, procurement and transportation of grapes. The wine industry in general tends to experience seasonal fluctuations in revenue and net income, with lower sales and net income during the quarter spanning January through March and higher sales and net income during the quarter spanning from October through December due to the usual timing of seasonal holiday buying. As our operations expand, we expect that we will be impacted by the seasonality experienced in the wine industry generally.

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2024, we had approximately four full-time employees. All of our employees are employed in the United States. None of our employees are represented by a labor union or covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We consider our relationship with our employees to be good.

## **Legal Proceedings**

We may be subject to legal disputes and subject to claims that arise in the ordinary course of business. Except as disclosed in "Item 3 - Legal Proceedings," we are not a party or subject to any pending legal proceedings the resolution of which is expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows or financial condition.

## **Corporate History**

We were initially organized on May 8, 2019 as a Texas limited liability company under the name "Fresh Grapes, LLC." In connection with our initial public offering, on December 8, 2021, we converted from a Texas limited liability company into a Nevada corporation and changed our name from Fresh Grapes, LLC to Fresh Vine Wine, Inc., which we refer to herein as the "LLC Conversion." In conjunction with the LLC Conversion, all of our outstanding units were converted into shares of our common stock based on the relative ownership interests of our pre-IPO equity holders. In March 2025, Fresh Vine was renamed "Amaze Holdings, Inc." ("Amaze"). While operating as a limited liability company, our outstanding equity was referred to as "units." In this report, for ease of comparison, we may refer to such units as our common stock for periods prior to the LLC Conversion, unless otherwise indicated in this report. Similarly, unless otherwise indicated, we may refer to members' equity in this report as stockholders' equity. Further, while operating as a limited liability company, our governing body was referred to as our Board of Managers, with the members thereof being referred to as "Managers." We may refer to such governing body throughout this report as our board of directors and such individuals as our directors.

#### Company Website Access and SEC Filings

We make available on the Investor Relations section of our website, free of charge, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements, and Forms 3, 4 and 5, and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after filing such documents with, or furnishing such documents to, the SEC. The SEC maintains a website (*www.sec.gov*) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

Our website is www.freshvinewine.com. We have included our website address in this report as an inactive textual reference only. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference in or otherwise a part of this report.

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

Our company and business involves a number of challenges and risks. In addition to the other information in this report, you should consider carefully the following risk factors in evaluating us and our business. The risks described below are not the only ones that we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business, financial condition, operating results, or prospects. In assessing these risks, you should also refer to the other information contained in this report, including our financial statements and related notes.

#### Risks related to the recent acquisition of Amaze Software, Inc.

Combining the two companies may be more difficult, costly or time-consuming than expected, and the anticipated benefits of the acquisition of Amaze Software may not be realized.

The success of the acquisition of Amaze Software, including anticipated benefits, will depend, in part, on Amaze Software's and Fresh Vine's ability to successfully combine and integrate the businesses of Amaze Software and Fresh Vine in a manner that permits growth opportunities and does not materially disrupt existing customer relations or result in decreased revenues due to loss of customers. It is possible that the integration process could result in the disruption of either company's or both companies' ongoing businesses or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies that adversely affect the combined company's ability to maintain relationships with clients, customers, and employees or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisition. If Amaze Software and Fresh Vine experience difficulties with the integration process, the anticipated benefits of the acquisition may not be realized fully or at all, or may take longer to realize than expected. As with any acquisition, there also may be business disruptions that cause Amaze Software and/or Fresh Vine to lose customers. Integration efforts between the two companies will also divert management attention and resources. These integration matters could have an adverse effect on each of Amaze Software and Fresh Vine for an undetermined period. In addition, any cost savings of the acquisition could be less than anticipated.

#### Risks related to our company and our business.

## We have a limited operating history and have generated limited revenue to date.

Our company was recently founded, and we have a limited operating history on which to base an evaluation of our business and prospects. Our prospects must be considered in light of the risks, expenses and difficulties frequently encountered by companies in their early stage of development, particularly companies in new and evolving markets such as ours. The risks include, but are not limited to, an evolving business model and the management of growth and product development. To address these risks, we must, among other things, implement and successfully execute our business strategy and other business systems, respond to competitive developments, and attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in addressing the risks we may encounter, and our failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

We have generated very limited revenues to date, including revenues of approximately \$299,000 and \$1.8 million during fiscal 2024 and fiscal 2023, respectively. We have incurred net losses of \$2.5 million and \$10.6 million during fiscal 2024 and 2023, respectively. We had an accumulated deficit of \$29.2 million and \$26.5 million at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. We may never generate material revenues or achieve profitability.

We have not generated profits from operations to date. The success and longevity of our company will depend on our ability to generate profits from future operations or obtain sufficient capital through financing transactions to meet our business obligations.

The report of our independent registered public accounting firm on our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 included an explanatory paragraph indicating that there is substantial doubt as to our ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months from the financial statement issuance date. We incurred net losses of \$2.5 million and \$10.6 million during fiscal 2024 and 2023, respectively. Our cash balance at December 31, 2024 was approximately \$156,000. Our ability to continue as a going concern will be determined by our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to sustain our operations and/or raise additional capital in the form of debt or equity financing.

### We need to hire additional executive officers and other personnel.

Our executive management is currently comprised of a Chief Executive Officer and a Chief Financial Officer, both of whom are serving in interim positions. The future success of our Company will be dependent in part upon us locating and retaining qualified individuals who will serve as executive officers on a permanent basis and lead our Company and our business operations, and on us locating additional members to serve on our board of directors to help oversee and guide our company. We cannot predict with certainty when we will be able locate such individuals.

## The success of our business depends heavily on the strength of our wine brand.

Obtaining, maintaining and expanding our reputation as a producer of premium wine among our customers and the premium wine market generally is critical to the success of our business and our growth strategy. The premium wine market is driven by a relatively small number of active and well-regarded wine critics within the industry who have outsized influence over the perceived quality and value of wines. If we are unable to maintain the actual or perceived quality of our wines, including as a result of contamination or tampering, environmental or other factors impacting the quality of our grapes or other raw materials, or if our wines otherwise do not meet the subjective expectations or tastes of one or more of a relatively small number of wine critics, the actual or perceived quality and value of one or more of our wines could be harmed, which could negatively impact not only the value of that wine, but also the value of the vintage, the particular brand or our broader portfolio. The winemaking process is a long and labor-intensive process that is built around yearly vintages, which means that once a vintage has been released we are not able to make further adjustments to satisfy wine critics or consumers. As a result, we are dependent on our winemakers and tasting panels to ensure that every wine we release meets our exacting quality standards.

With the advent of social media, word within the premium wine market spreads quickly, which can accentuate both the positive and the negative reviews of our wines and of wine vintages generally. Public perception of our brands could be negatively affected by adverse publicity or negative commentary on social media outlets, particularly negative commentary on social media outlets that goes "viral," or our responses relating to, among other things:

- an actual or perceived failure to maintain high-quality, safety, ethical, social and environmental standards for all of our operations and activities;
- an actual or perceived failure to address concerns relating to the quality, safety or integrity of our wines and the hospitality we offer to our guests at our potential future tasting rooms;
- · our environmental impact, including our use of agricultural materials, packaging, water and energy use, and waste management; or
- · an actual or perceived failure by us to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol.

If we do not produce wines that are well-regarded by the relatively small wine critic community, the wine market will quickly become aware and our reputation, wine brand, business and financial results of our operations could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, if our wine receives negative publicity or consumer reaction, whether as a result of our wines or wines of other producers, our wines in the same vintage could be adversely affected. Unfavorable publicity, whether accurate or not, related to our industry, us, our winery brands, marketing, personnel, operations, business performance or prospects could also unfavorably affect our corporate reputation, company value, ability to attract high-quality talent or the performance of our business.

Any contamination or other quality control issue could have an adverse effect on sales of the impacted wine or our broader portfolio of wines. If any of our wines become unsafe or unfit for consumption, cause injury or are otherwise improperly packaged or labelled, we may have to engage in a product recall and/or be subject to liability and incur additional costs. A widespread recall, multiple recalls, or a significant product liability judgment against us could cause our wines to be unavailable for a period of time, depressing demand and our brand equity. Even if a product liability claim is unsuccessful or is not fully pursued, any resulting negative publicity could adversely affect our reputation with existing and potential customers and accounts, as well as our corporate and individual winery brands image in such a way that current and future sales could be diminished. In addition, should a competitor experience a recall or contamination event, we could face decreased consumer confidence by association as a producer of similar products.

Additionally, third parties may sell wines or inferior brands that imitate our wine brand or that are counterfeit versions of our labels, and customers could be duped into thinking that these imitation labels are our authentic wines. For example, there could be instances of potential counterfeiting. A negative consumer experience with such a wine could cause them to refrain from purchasing our brands in the future and damage our brand integrity. Any failure to maintain the actual or perceived quality of our wines could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

Damage to our reputation or loss of consumer confidence in our wines for any of these or other reasons could result in decreased demand for our wines and could have a material adverse effect on our business, operational results, and financial results, as well as require additional resources to rebuild our reputation, competitive position and winery brand strength.

If our business grows, it will place increased demands on our management, operational and production capabilities that we may not be able to adequately address. If we are unable to meet these increased demands, our business will be harmed.

Unless we manage our growth effectively, we may make mistakes in operating our business, such as inaccurate forecasting. The anticipated growth of our operations will place significant demand on our management and operational resources. In order to manage growth effectively, we must implement and improve our operational systems, procedures and controls on a timely basis. Our key personnel have limited experience managing this type of business. If we cannot manage our business effectively, our business could suffer.

## Our advertising and promotional investments may affect our financial results but not be effective.

Consumer awareness is of great importance to the success of businesses operating in the wine industry. We have incurred, and expect to continue to incur, significant advertising and promotional expenditures to enhance our wine brand and raise consumer awareness, which we believe is vital to the long-term success of our operations. These expenditures may adversely affect our results of operations in a particular quarter or even a full fiscal year and may not result in increased sales. Variations in the levels of advertising and promotional expenditures have in the past caused, and are expected in the future to continue to cause, variability in our quarterly results of operations. While we strive to invest only in effective advertising and promotional activities in both the digital and traditional segments, it is difficult to correlate such investments with sales results, and there is no guarantee that our expenditures will be effective in building brand strength or growing long term sales.

## We have relied heavily on celebrities to endorse our wines and market our brand pursuant to license agreements which have been terminated.

Our brand, and to a large extent our direct-to-consumer sales outlet, has been heavily dependent on the positive image and public popularity of, and affinity towards, Nina Dobrev and Julianne Hough. Ms. Dobrev and Ms. Hough have served as celebrity spokespersons and ambassadors of our company, have actively endorsed our wines on their sizable social media and other outlets, and are considered by many to be the face of our brand. Under our license agreements with Ms. Dobrev and Jaybird Investments, LLC (an entity managed by Ms. Hough), each of Ms. Dobrev and Ms. Hough granted us a license to use her pre-approved name, likeness, image, and other indicia of identity, as well as certain content published by her on her social media and other channels, on and in conjunction with the sale and related pre-approved advertising and promotion of our wine.

On August 8, 2023, the Company received written letters from each of Ms. Dobrev and Jaybird Investments, LLC, notifying the Company that it was in default of their respective license agreements based on failure to pay license fees and providing 30 day notice of termination of their respective license agreements. Effective September 7, 2023, each license agreement terminated. Upon such termination, the rights and licenses granted to us under such agreements were revoked and were required to cease the marketing and sale of products that feature their name, likeness, image, and other indicia of identity after a 90 day run-off period. As a result, we will be required to refocus our marketing and brand promotion efforts, which may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We rely heavily on third-party suppliers and service providers, and they may not continue to produce products or provide services that are consistent with our standards or applicable regulatory requirements, which could harm our brand, cause consumer dissatisfaction, and require us to find alternative suppliers and service providers.

We have strategically structured our organization and operations with a view towards minimizing our capital investment requirements. We do this by leveraging a network of third-party providers with industry experience and expertise that we use to perform various functions on our behalf. Specifically, we contract with Fior di Sole, an industry leading packaging innovation and wine production company based in Napa Valley, California, to serve as a "host winery" and permit us to occupy a portion of its production and warehouse facility and its production equipment on an alternating proprietorship basis. Under this arrangement, we are able to use capacity at Fior di Sole's production facility at times mutually convenient to us and Fior di Sole to produce and bottle our wines. Fior di Sole is responsible for keeping its production equipment in good operating order. Although we are solely responsible for managing and conducting our own winemaking activities, we may request use of the Fior di Sole's personnel to perform crush, fermentation, blending, cellar, warehousing, barrel topping and/or bottling services for additional fees. Under a separate agreement, Fior di Sole provides us with bulk juice and blends, finishes, bottles, stops, labels, and packages our wine. Fior di Sole provides these services on a purchase order basis, which purchase orders are subject to the parties' mutual agreement. This agreement was terminated in December 2023.

The Company relies heavily on the third parties to manage the sales and distribution of our wine and manage our DTC marketing initiatives. We also utilize third parties to help manage all of our regulatory licensing and compliance activities, and we utilize additional software tools available to the industry to navigate and manage the complex state-by-state regulations that apply to our operations in the beverage alcohol industry.

We engage many of our third-party suppliers and service providers on a purchase order basis or pursuant to agreements that are generally one year or less in duration. The ability and willingness of these third parties to supply and provide services to us may be affected by competing orders placed by other companies, the demands of those companies or other factors. If we experience significant increases in demand or need to replace a significant third party supplier or service provider, there can be no assurance that alternative third party vendors will be available when required on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all, or that any such vendor will allocate sufficient capacity to us in order to meet our requirements. If we fail to replace a supplier or servicer provider in a timely manner or on commercially reasonable terms, we could incur product disruptions and our operating results and financial condition could be materially harmed. Switching or adding additional vendors, particularly our alternating proprietorship host winery, would also involve additional costs and require management time and focus.

Except for remedies that may be available to us under our agreements with our third-party vendors, we cannot control whether or not they devote sufficient time and resources to supporting our business operations. These third parties may also have relationships with other commercial entities, including our competitors, for whom they may also be providing services, which could affect their performance on our behalf. If these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties or obligations or meet expected deadlines or need to be replaced for other reasons, it could adversely impact our ability to meet consumers' demands for our products or comply with regulatory requirements and subject us to potential liability, any of which may harm the reputation of our company and our products.

Although we carefully manage our relationships with our network of third-party vendors, there can be no assurance that we will not encounter challenges or delays in the future or that these challenges or delays will not have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and prospects.

# We face significant competition with an increasing number of products and market participants that could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

Our industry is intensely competitive and highly fragmented. Our wines compete with many other domestic and foreign wines. Our wines compete with popularly priced generic wines and with other alcoholic and, to a lesser degree, non-alcoholic beverages, for drinker acceptance and loyalty, shelf space and prominence in retail stores, presence, and prominence on restaurant wine lists and for marketing focus by the Company's distributors, many of which carry extensive portfolios of wines and other alcoholic beverages. This competition is driven by established companies as well as new entrants in our markets and categories. In the United States, wine sales are relatively concentrated among a limited number of large suppliers, including E&J Gallo, Constellation, Duckhorn, Trinchero, Jackson Family Wines, Ste. Michelle and The Wine Group, and these and our other competitors may have more robust financial, technical, marketing and distribution networks and public relations resources than we have. As a result of this intense competition, combined with our growth goals, we have experienced and may continue to face upward pressure on our selling, marketing and promotional efforts and expenses. There can be no assurance that in the future we will be able to successfully compete with our competitors or that we will not face greater competition from other wineries and beverage manufacturers.

If we are unable to successfully compete with existing or new market participants, or if we do not effectively respond to competitive pressures, we could experience reductions in market share and margins that could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial results.

Consolidation of the distributors of our wines, as well as the consolidation of retailers, may increase competition in an already crowded space and may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial results.

Other than sales made directly to our consumers, the majority of our wine sales are made through distributors for resale to retail outlets, restaurants and hotels across the United States. We expect sales to distributors to represent an increasingly substantial portion of our future net sales as we continue to grow our network of wholesale distributors. Consolidation among wine producers, distributors, wholesalers, suppliers and retailers could create a more challenging competitive landscape for our wines. In addition, we believe that the increased growth and popularity of the retail e-commerce environment across the consumer product goods market, which accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting quarantines, "stay at home" orders, travel restrictions, retail store closures, social distancing requirements and other government action, has and is likely to continue to change the competitive landscape for our wines. Consolidation at any level could hinder the distribution and sale of our wines as a result of reduced attention and resources allocated to our winery brands both during and after transition periods, because our winery brands might represent a smaller portion of the new business portfolio. Furthermore, consolidation of distributors may lead to the erosion of margins as newly consolidated distributors take down prices or demand more margin from existing suppliers. Changes in distributors' strategies, including a reduction in the number of brands they carry or the allocation of resources for our competitors' brands or private label products, may adversely affect our growth, business, financial results and market share. Distributors of our wines offer products that compete directly with our wines for inventory and retail shelf space, promotional and marketing support and consumer purchases. Expansion into new product categories by other suppliers or innovation by new entrants into the market could increase competition in our product categories.

An increasingly large percentage of our net sales is concentrated within a small number of wholesale customers. The purchasing power of large retailers is significant, and they have the ability to command concessions. There can be no assurance that the distributors and retailers will purchase our wines or provide our wines with adequate levels of promotional and merchandising support. The failure to bring on major accounts or the need to make significant concessions to retain one or more such accounts could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial position.

A reduction in consumer demand for wine, which may result from a variety of factors, including demographic shifts and decreases in discretionary spending, could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

We rely on consumers' demand for our wine. Consumer preferences may shift due to a variety of factors, including changes in demographic or social trends, changes in discretionary income, public health policies and perceptions and changes in leisure, dining and beverage consumption patterns. Our success will require us to anticipate and respond effectively to shifts in consumer behavior and drinking tastes. If consumer preferences were to move away from our wine brand, our results of operations would be materially and adversely affected.

A limited or general decline in consumer demand could occur in the future due to a variety of factors, including:

- a general decline in economic or geopolitical conditions;
- a general decline in the consumption of alcoholic beverage products in on-premise establishments, such as those that may result from smoking bans and stricter laws relating to driving while under the influence of alcohol and changes in public health policies, including those implemented to address the COVID-19 pandemic;
- · a generational or demographic shift in consumer preferences away from wines to other alcoholic beverages;
- · increased activity of anti-alcohol groups;
- · concern about the health consequences of consuming alcoholic beverage products; and
- increased federal, state, provincial, and foreign excise, or other taxes on beverage alcohol products and increased restrictions on beverage alcohol advertising and marketing.

Demand for premium wine brands, like ours, may be particularly susceptible to changing economic conditions and consumer tastes, preferences and spending habits, which may reduce our sales of these products and adversely affect our profitability. An unanticipated decline or change in consumer demand or preference could also materially impact our ability to forecast for future production requirements, which could, in turn, impair our ability to effectively adapt to changing consumer preferences. Any reduction in the demand for our wines would materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

Due to the three-tier alcohol beverage distribution system in the United States, we are heavily reliant on our distributors that resell alcoholic beverages in all states in which we do business. A significant reduction in distributor demand for our wines would materially and adversely affect our sales and profitability.

Due to regulatory requirements in the United States, we sell a significant portion of our wines to wholesalers for resale to retail accounts. A change in the relationship with any of our significant distributors could harm our business and reduce our sales. The laws and regulations of several states prohibit changes of distributors, except under certain limited circumstances, making it difficult to terminate or otherwise cease working with a distributor for poor performance without reasonable justification, as defined by applicable statutes. Any difficulty or inability to replace distributors, poor performance of our major distributors or our inability to collect accounts receivable from our major distributors could harm our business. In addition, an expansion of the laws and regulations limiting the sale of our wine would materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results. There can be no assurance that the distributors and accounts to which we sell our wines will continue to purchase our wines or provide our wines with adequate levels of promotional support, which could increase competitive pressure to increase sales and marketing spending and could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

Our marketing strategy involves continued expansion into the direct-to-consumer channel, which may present risks and challenges for which we are not adequately prepared and which could negatively affect our sales in these channels and our profitability.

A portion of our operating strategy is to expand our sales of wine through this direct-to-consumer channel. However, the direct-to-consumer marketplace is highly competitive and in recent years has seen the entrance of new competitors and products targeting similar customer groups as our business. To be competitive and forge new connections with customers, we are continuing investment in the expansion of our direct-to-consumer channel. Such expansion may require significant investment in e-commerce platforms, marketing, fulfilment, information technology ("IT") infrastructure and other known and unknown costs. The success of our direct-to-consumer sales channel depends on our ability to maintain the efficient and uninterrupted operation of online order-processing and fulfilment and delivery operations. As such, we are heavily dependent on the performance of our shipping and technology partners. Any system interruptions or delays could prevent potential customers from purchasing our wines directly.

Our ability to ship wines directly to our customers is the result of court rulings, including the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Granholm v. Heald, which allow, in certain circumstances, shipments to customers of wines from out-of-state wineries. Any changes to the judicial, legal, or regulatory framework that reduce our ability to sell wines in most states using our direct-to-consumer sales channel could have a materially adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial results.

We may be unable to adequately adapt to shifts in consumer preferences for points of purchase, such as an increase in at-home delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic, and our competitors may react more rapidly or with improved customer experiences. A failure to react quickly to these and other changes in consumer preferences, or to create infrastructure to support new or expanding sales channels may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

A failure to adequately prepare for adverse events that could cause disruption to elements of our business, including the availability of bulk grapes, and the blending, inventory aging or distribution of our wines could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

Disruptions to our operations caused by adverse weather, natural disasters, public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic, or unforeseen circumstances may cause delays to or interruptions in our operations. Concerns regarding the availability of water for production is particular to companies that produce and bottle wines in California. A consequence of any of these or supply or supply chain disruptions, including the temporary inability to produce our wines due to the closure of our production sites, could prevent us from meeting consumer demand in the near term or long term for our aged wines. For example, as result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our industry has experienced temporary supply chain disruptions for certain processed materials, cardboard packaging, and glass, as well as increased strain on logistics networks and shipping partners. The occurrence of any such disruptions during a peak time of demand for such processed materials could increase the magnitude of the effect on our distribution network and sales. Failure to adequately prepare for and address any such disruptions could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

A catastrophic event causing physical damage, disruption or failure at our production facility could adversely affect our business. Although our wines currently available for sale do not require substantial aging, we expect that certain of our wines, including the Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, require aging for some period of time. As a result, we expect to maintain inventory of aged and maturing wines in warehouses. The loss of a substantial amount of aged inventory through fire, accident, earthquake, other natural or man-made disaster, contamination or otherwise could significantly reduce the supply of the affected wine or wines, including our aged wines, which are typically the highest priced and limited production wines.

Any disruptions that cause forced closure or evacuation could materially harm our business, results of operations and financial results. Additionally, should multiple closings occur, we may lose guest confidence resulting in a reduction in direct sales, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results. If we expand our future operations to include tasting rooms, such closings would also negatively impact visitation.

Inclement weather, drought, pests, plant diseases and other factors could reduce the amount or quality of the grapes available to produce our wines, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

A shortage in the supply of quality grapes may result from the occurrence of any number of factors that determine the quality and quantity of grape supply, including adverse weather conditions (including heatwaves, frosts, drought and excessive rainfall), and various diseases, pests, fungi and viruses. We cannot anticipate changes in weather patterns and conditions, and we cannot predict their impact on our operations if they were to occur. Any shortage could cause an increase in the price of some or all of the grape varietals required for our wine production or a reduction in the amount of wine we are able to produce, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

Factors that reduce the quantity of grapes the growers with which we contract grow may also reduce their quality. Deterioration in the quality of our wines could harm our winery brand strength, and a decrease in our production could reduce our sales and increase our expenses, both of which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

If we are unable to obtain adequate supplies of premium juice from third-party juice suppliers, the quantity or quality of our annual production of wine could be adversely affected, causing a negative impact on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The production of our wines and the ability to fulfill the demand for our wines is restricted by the availability of premium grapes and juice from third-party growers. If we are unable to source grapes and juice of the requisite quality, varietal and geography, among other factors, our ability to produce wines to the standards, quantity and quality demanded by our customers could be impaired.

Factors including climate change, agricultural risks, competition for quality, water availability, land use, wildfires, floods, disease, and pests could impact the quality and quantity of grapes and bulk juice available to our company. Furthermore, these potential disruptions in production may drive up demand for grapes and bulk juice creating higher input costs or the inability to purchase these materials. Following the 2020 wildfires in Northern California, the price of bulk juice increased substantially in a very short period of time, leading to some wine producers reducing lot sizes of certain wines. As a result, our financial results could be materially and adversely affected both in the year of the harvest and future periods.

If we are unable to identify and obtain adequate supplies of quality agricultural, raw and processed materials, including corks, glass bottles, barrels, winemaking additives and agents, water and other supplies, or if there is an increase in the cost of the commodities or products, our profitability, production and distribution capabilities could be negatively impacted, which would materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We use grapes and other raw materials to produce and package our wine, including corks, barrels, winemaking additives, and water, as well as large amounts of packaging materials, including metal, cork, glass and cardboard. We purchase raw materials and packaging materials under contracts of varying maturities from domestic and international suppliers.

Glass bottle costs are one of our largest packaging components of cost of goods sold. In North America, glass bottles have only a small number of producers. The inability of any of our glass bottle suppliers to satisfy our requirements could materially and adversely affect our business. In addition, costs and programs related to mandatory recycling and recyclable materials deposits could be adopted in states of manufacture, imposing additional and unknown costs to manufacture products utilizing glass bottles. The amount of water available for use is important to the supply of our grapes and winemaking, other agricultural raw materials, and our ability to operate our business. If climate patterns change and droughts become more severe, there may be a scarcity of water or poor water quality, which may affect our production costs, consistency of yields or impose capacity constraints. We depend on sufficient amounts of quality water for operation of our wineries, as well as to conduct our other operations. The suppliers of the grapes and other agricultural raw materials we purchase also depend upon sufficient supplies of quality water for their vineyards and fields. Prolonged or severe drought conditions in the western United States or restrictions imposed on irrigation options by governmental authorities could have an adverse effect on our operations in the region. If water available to our operations or the operations of our suppliers becomes scarcer, restrictions are placed on our usage of water or the quality of that water deteriorates, we may incur increased production costs or face manufacturing constraints which could negatively affect our production facilities. Any of these factors could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

Our production and shipping activities also use energy in their operations, including electricity, propane and natural gas. Energy costs could rise in the future, which would result in higher transportation, freight and other operating costs, such as ageing and bottling expenses. Our freight cost and the timely delivery of our wines could be adversely affected by a number of factors that could reduce the profitability of our operations, including driver shortages, higher fuel costs, weather conditions, traffic congestion, increased government regulation, and other matters. In addition, increased labor costs or insufficient labor supply could increase our production costs.

Our supply and the price of raw materials, packaging materials and energy and the cost of energy, freight and labor used in our productions and distribution activities could be affected by a number of factors beyond our control, including market demand, global geopolitical events (especially their impact on energy prices), economic factors affecting growth decisions, exchange rate fluctuations and inflation. To the extent any of these factors, including supply of goods and energy, affect the prices of ingredients or packaging, or we do not effectively or completely hedge changes in commodity price risks, or are unable to recoup costs through increases in the price of our finished wines, our business, results of operations and financial results could be materially and adversely affected.

## In addition to litigation that may arise from time to time in the ordinary course of business, we have been engaged in litigation with our former Chief Operating Officer.

As disclosed under Item 3 - Legal Proceedings, the Company has been a defendant in a lawsuit styled Timothy Michaels v. Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. filed May 27, 2022 in the Fourth Judicial District Court, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The lawsuit relates to a complaint filed by Mr. Michaels resulting from the Company including a restricted "lock-up" legend on shares of the Company's common stock issued to Mr. Michaels pursuant to a settlement agreement that the Company entered into with Mr. Michaels following termination of his employment and for not removing or directing the Company's transfer agent to remove such legend. A jury trial commenced on January 23, 2024. During trial, on January 24, 2024, the Company filed a motion for judgement in favor of the Company as a matter of law, which was denied by the Court. On January 25, 2024, the jury in the lawsuit rendered a verdict against the Company awarding damages to Mr. Michaels in the amount of \$585,976. The damages awarded to Mr. Michaels by the trial court are not covered by the Company's insurance policies. Mr. Michaels has commenced garnishment proceedings against certain of the Company's bank accounts and other third parties in an attempt to collect on the judgement and such proceedings remain pending. The Company appealed the verdict and the court of appeals affirmed the judgment in February 2025, awarding \$21,644 in additional damages. On March 12, 2025 the Company petitioned the supreme court for review and is awaiting the supreme court's decision on its petition. As of December 31, 2024, Mr. Michaels collected \$122,886 through garnishments, which has left an accrual balance of approximately \$485,000.

Although the Company believes it has legal grounds to appeal the verdict, continued litigation and related actions may be expensive, the outcome of any litigation (including any appeal) is difficult to predict, and the existence of litigation may impact the ability of management to focus on other business matters. In addition, adverse judgments may result in an increase in future insurance premiums, and any judgments for which the Company is not fully insured may result in a significant financial loss and may materially and adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations and financial results.

# The impact of U.S. and worldwide economic trends and financial market conditions could materially and adversely affect our business, liquidity, financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to risks associated with adverse economic conditions in the United States and globally, including economic slowdown, inflation, and the disruption, volatility and tightening of credit and capital markets. Unfavorable global or regional economic conditions could materially and adversely impact our business, liquidity, financial condition and results of operations. In general, positive conditions in the broader economy promote customer spending on wine, while economic weakness, which generally results in a reduction of customer spending, may have a more pronounced negative effect on spending on wine. Unemployment, tax increases, governmental spending cuts or a return of high levels of inflation could affect consumer spending patterns and purchases of our wines and other alcoholic beverage products. Reduced consumer discretionary spending and reduced consumer confidence could negatively affect the trend towards consuming premium wines and could result in a reduction of wine and beverage alcohol consumption in the United States generally. In particular, extended periods of high unemployment, lower consumer discretionary spending and low consumer confidence could result in lower sales of premium wine brands, including our wine, in favor of wine brands which have a lower average sales price and generally have lower gross profit margins and lower overall sales, which could negatively impact our business and results of operations. These conditions could also create or worsen credit issues, cash flow issues, access to credit facilities and other financial hardships for us and our suppliers, distributors, accounts and consumers. An inability of our suppliers, distributors and retailers to access liquidity could impact our ability to produce and distribute our wines.

## If we are unable to secure and protect our intellectual property in domestic and foreign markets, including trademarks for our wine brands and wines, the value of our wine brands and intellectual property could decline, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial results.

Our future success depends on our ability to protect our current and future wine brands and wines and to enforce and defend our trademarks and other intellectual property rights. We rely on a combination of trademark, copyright and trade secret laws, as well as confidentiality procedures and contractual restrictions, to secure and protect our intellectual property rights. We have been granted three (3) trademark registrations in the United States for FRESH VINE®, FRESH VINE (Stylized)®, and our FV Logo®, and numerous trademark registrations in other countries for the FRESH VINE mark, and we have filed, and may continue to file, trademark applications seeking to protect newly-developed wine brands. We have also been granted a copyright registration in the first version of our website located at www.freshvine.com. While a copyright exists in a work of art once it is fixed in tangible medium, we intend to continue to file copyright applications to protect newly-developed works of art that are important to our business.

We cannot be sure that any trademark office or copyright office will issue trademark registrations under any of our trademark applications, or copyright registrations under any of our copyright applications. Third parties may oppose the registration of our trademark applications, contest our trademark rights or copyrights, and petition to cancel our registered trademarks. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in defending our trademarks or copyrights in actions brought by third parties. There is also a risk that we could fail to timely maintain or renew our trademark registrations or otherwise protect our trademark rights or copyrights, which could result in the loss of those trademark rights (including in connection with failure to maintain consistent use of these trademarks). If we fail to maintain our trademarks or a third party successfully challenges our trademarks or copyrights, we could be forced to rebrand our wineries, wines, and other products, which could result in a loss of winery brand recognition and could require us to devote additional resources to the development and marketing of new wine brands.

Notwithstanding any trademark registrations or copyright registrations held by us, a third party could bring a lawsuit or other claim alleging that we have infringed that third party's trademark rights or copyrights. Any such claims, with or without merit, could require significant resources to defend, could damage the reputation of our wine brands, could result in the payment of compensation (whether as a damages award or settlement) to such third parties, and could require us to stop using our wine brands or otherwise agree to an undertaking to limit that use. In addition, our actions to monitor and enforce trademark rights or copyrights against third parties may not prevent counterfeit products or products bearing confusingly similar trademarks from entering the marketplace, which could divert sales from us, tarnish our reputation or reduce the demand for our products or the prices at which we sell those products. Any enforcement litigation brought by us, whether or not successful, could require significant costs and resources, and divert the attention of management, which could negatively affect our business, results of operations and financial results. Third parties may also acquire and register domain names that are confusingly similar to or otherwise damaging to the reputation of our trademarks, and we may not be able to prevent or cancel any such domain name registrations.

In addition to registered intellectual property rights such as trademark registrations and copyright registrations, we rely on non-registered proprietary information, such as trade secrets, confidential information, and know-how, including in connection with the crafting of our low calorie, low-carb, premium tasting wines. In order to protect our proprietary information, we rely in part on agreements with our employees, independent contractors and other third parties that place restrictions on the use and disclosure of this intellectual property. These agreements may be breached, or this intellectual property, including trade secrets, may otherwise be disclosed or become known to our competitors, which could cause us to lose any competitive advantage resulting from this intellectual property. To the extent that our employees, independent contractors or other third parties with whom we do business use intellectual property owned by others in their work for us, disputes may arise as to the rights in related or resulting know-how and inventions. The loss of trade secret protection could make it easier for third parties to compete with our products. In addition, any changes in, or unexpected interpretations of, intellectual property laws may compromise our ability to enforce our trade secret and intellectual property rights. Costly and time-consuming litigation could be necessary to enforce and determine the scope of our proprietary rights, and failure to obtain or maintain protection of our trade secrets or other proprietary information could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and competitive position.

We may not be fully insured against catastrophic perils, including catastrophic loss or inaccessibility of wineries, production facilities and/or distribution systems resulting from fire, wildfire, flood, wind events, earthquake and other perils, which may cause us to experience a material financial loss.

Although we currently store the bulk of our wine inventory at our third-party warehouse in California, which is prone to seismic activity, wildfires and floods, among other perils. If any of these facilities were to experience a catastrophic loss in the future, it could disrupt our operations, delay production, shipments and our recognition of revenue, and result in potentially significant expenses to repair or replace the facility. If such a disruption were to occur, we could breach agreements, our reputation could be harmed and our business and operating results could be materially and adversely affected. Although we carry insurance to cover property and inventory damage and business interruption, these coverages are subject to deductibles and self-insurance obligations, as well as caps on coverage that could be below the value of losses we could incur in certain catastrophic perils. Furthermore, claims for recovery against our insurance policies can be time-consuming, and may result in significant delays between when we incur damages and when we receive payment under our insurance policies. If one or more significant catastrophic events occurred damaging our own or third-party assets and/or services, we could suffer a major financial loss and our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Furthermore, increased incidence or severity of natural disasters has adversely impacted our ability to obtain adequate property damage, inventory, and business interruption insurance at financially viable rates, if at all. For example, we have observed certain insurers ceasing to offer certain inventory protection policies, and we have supplemented our insurance coverage recently by purchasing policies at higher premiums. If these trends continue and our insurance coverage is adversely affected, and to the extent we elect to increase our self-insurance obligations, we may be at greater risk that similar future events will cause significant financial losses and materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

From time to time, we may become subject to litigation specifically directed at the alcoholic beverage industry, as well as litigation arising in the ordinary course of business.

Companies operating in the alcoholic beverage industry may, from time to time, be exposed to class action or other private or governmental litigation and claims relating to product liability, alcohol marketing, advertising or distribution practices, alcohol abuse problems or other health consequences arising from the excessive consumption of or other misuse of alcohol, including underage drinking. Various groups have, from time to time, publicly expressed concern over problems related to harmful use of alcohol, including drinking, and driving, underage drinking and health consequences from the misuse of alcohol. These campaigns could result in an increased risk of litigation against the Company and our industry. Lawsuits have been brought against beverage alcohol companies alleging problems related to alcohol abuse, negative health consequences from drinking, problems from alleged marketing or sales practices and underage drinking. While these lawsuits have been largely unsuccessful in the past, others may succeed in the future.

From time to time, we may also be party to other litigation in the ordinary course of our operations, including in connection with commercial disputes, enforcement or other regulatory actions by tax, customs, competition, environmental, anti-corruption and other relevant regulatory authorities, or, securities-related class action lawsuits, particularly following any significant decline in the price of our securities. Any such litigation or other actions may be expensive to defend and result in damages, penalties, or fines as well as reputational damage to our company and our winery brands and may impact the ability of management to focus on other business matters. Furthermore, any adverse judgments may result in an increase in future insurance premiums, and any judgments for which we are not fully insured may result in a significant financial loss and may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

A failure of one or more of our key IT systems, networks, processes, associated sites or service providers could have a material adverse impact on business operations, and if the failure is prolonged, our financial condition.

We rely on 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 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; supply and demand planning; production; shipping wines to customers; hosting our winery websites and marketing products to consumers; collecting and storing customer, consumer, employee, stockholder, 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 cybercrimes and cyberattacks, including computer viruses and other malicious codes, ransomware, unauthorized access attempts, denial of service attacks, phishing, social engineering, hacking and other types of attacks 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, and we have in the past, and may in the future, experience cyberattacks and other unauthorized access attempts to our IT systems. Because the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access are constantly changing and often are not recognized until launched against a target, we or our vendors may be unable to anticipate these techniques or implement sufficient preventative or remedial measures. If we are unable to efficiently and effectively maintain and upgrade our system safeguards, we may incur unexpected costs and certain of our systems may become more vulnerable to unauthorized access. In the event of a ransomware or other cyber-attack, the integrity and safety of our data could be at risk, or we may incur unforeseen costs impacting our financial position. 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, power outages, security breaches, unauthorized use or usage errors by employees, vendors or other third parties and other security issues, we may be subject to legal claims and proceedings, liability under laws that protect the privacy and security of personal information (also known as personal data), litigation, governmental investigations and proceedings and regulatory penalties, and we may suffer interruptions in our ability to manage our operations and reputational, competitive or business harm, which may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results. 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 employees, stockholders, customers, suppliers, consumers or others. 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 technological failure and the reputational damage resulting therefrom, to pay for investigations, forensic analyses, legal advice, public relations advice or other services, or to repair or replace networks and IT systems. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a greater number of our employees are working remotely and accessing our IT systems and networks remotely, which may further increase our vulnerability to cybercrimes and cyberattacks and increase the stress on our technology infrastructure and systems.

Our failure to adequately maintain and protect personal information of our customers or our employees in compliance with evolving legal requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We collect, use, store, disclose or transfer (collectively, "process") personal information, including from employees and customers, in connection with the operation of our business. A wide variety of local and international laws as well as regulations and industry guidelines apply to the privacy and collecting, storing, use, processing, disclosure, and protection of personal information and may be inconsistent among countries or conflict with other rules. Data protection and privacy laws and regulations are changing, subject to differing interpretations and being tested in courts and may result in increasing regulatory and public scrutiny and escalating levels of enforcement and sanctions.

A variety of data protection legislation apply in the United States at both the federal and state level, including new laws that may impact our operations. For example, the State of California has enacted the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 ("CCPA"), which generally requires companies that collect, use, share and otherwise process "personal information" (which is broadly defined) of California residents to make disclosures about their data collection, use, and sharing practices, allows consumers to opt-out of certain data sharing with third parties or the sale of personal information, allows consumers to exercise certain rights with respect to any personal information collected and provides a new cause of action for data breaches. In addition, a new privacy law, the California Privacy Rights Act ("CPRA"), which significantly modifies the CCPA, was recently approved by ballot initiative during the November 3, 2021 general election. On January 1, 2023 the CCPA became effective and added additional privacy protection. This may require us to incur additional expenditures to ensure compliance. Additionally, the Federal Trade Commission, and many state attorneys general are interpreting federal and state consumer protection laws to impose standards for the online collection, use, dissemination, and security of data. The burdens imposed by the CCPA and other similar laws that have been or may be enacted at the federal and state level may require us to modify our data processing practices and policies and to incur additional expenditures in order to comply.

Foreign laws and regulations relating to privacy, data protection, information security and consumer protection often are more restrictive than those in the United States. The European Union, for example, traditionally has imposed stricter obligations under its laws and regulations relating to privacy, data protection and consumer protection than the United States. In May 2018 the European Union's new regulation governing data practices and privacy called the General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR, became effective and substantially replaced the data protection laws of the individual European Union member states. The law requires companies to meet more stringent requirements regarding the handling of personal data of individuals in the EU than were required under predecessor EU requirements. In the United Kingdom, a Data Protection Bill that substantially implements the GDPR also became law in May 2018. The GDPR and other similar regulations require companies to give specific types of notice and in some cases seek consent from consumers and other data subjects before collecting or using their data for certain purposes, including some marketing activities. Outside of the European Union, many countries have laws, regulations, or other requirements relating to privacy, data protection, information security, and consumer protection, and new countries are adopting such legislation or other obligations with increasing frequency. Many of these laws may require consent from consumers for the use of data for various purposes, including marketing, which may reduce our ability to market our products. There is no harmonized approach to these laws and regulations globally. Consequently, we would increase our risk of non-compliance with applicable foreign data protection laws by expanding internationally. We may need to change and limit the way we use personal information in operating our business and may have difficulty maintaining a single operating model that is compliant. In addition, various federal, state and fore

Compliance with these and any other applicable privacy and data protection laws and regulations is a rigorous and time-intensive process, and we may be required to put in place additional mechanisms ensuring compliance with the new privacy and data protection laws and regulations. Our actual or alleged failure to comply with any applicable privacy and data protection laws and regulations, industry standards or contractual obligations, or to protect such information and data that we process, could result in litigation, regulatory investigations, and enforcement actions against us, including fines, orders, public censure, claims for damages by employees, customers and other affected individuals, public statements against us by consumer advocacy groups, damage to our reputation and competitive position and loss of goodwill (both in relation to existing customers and prospective customers) any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. Additionally, if third parties that we work with, such as vendors or developers, violate applicable laws or our policies, such violations may also place personal information at risk and have an adverse effect on our business. Even the perception of privacy concerns, whether or not valid, may harm our reputation, subject us to regulatory scrutiny and investigations, and inhibit adoption of our wines by existing and potential customers.

### Risks related to regulation.

As a producer of alcoholic beverages, we are regularly the subject of regulatory reviews, proceedings and audits by governmental entities, any of which could result in an adverse ruling or conclusion, and which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and future prospects.

We are subject to extensive regulation in the United States by federal, state, and local laws regulating the production, distribution and sale of consumable food items, and specifically alcoholic beverages, including by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (the "TTB") and the Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA"). These and other regulatory agencies impose a number of product safety, labelling and other requirements on our operations and sales. In California, where all of our wines are made, we are subject to alcohol-related licensing and regulations by many authorities, including the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (the "ABC"), which investigates applications for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages, reports on the moral character and fitness of alcohol license applicants and the suitability of premises where sales are to be conducted. We are also subject to regulatory compliance requirements in all states in which we sell our wines. Any governmental litigation, fines, or restrictions on our operations resulting from the enforcement of these existing regulations or any new legislation or regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial results. Any government intervention challenging the production, marketing, promotion, distribution or sale of beverage alcohol or specific brands could affect our ability to sell our wines. Because litigation and other legal proceedings can be costly to defend, even actions that are ultimately decided in our favor could have a negative impact on our business, results of operations or financial results. Adverse developments in major lawsuits concerning these or other matters could result in management distraction and have a material adverse effect on our business. Changes to the interpretation or approach to enforcement of regulations may require changes to our business practices of our suppliers, distributors, or customers. The penalties associated with any violations or infractions may vary in severity, and

New and changing environmental requirements, and new market pressures related to climate change, could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial results.

There has been significant public discussion related to concerns that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere have an adverse impact on global temperatures, weather patterns and the frequency and severity of extreme weather and natural disasters. Federal regulations govern, among other things, air emissions, wastewater and stormwater discharges, and the treatment, handling and storage and disposal of materials and wastes. State environmental regulations and authorities intended to address and oversee environmental issues are largely state-level analogues to federal regulations and authorities intended to perform the similar purposes. We are subject to local environmental regulations that address a number of elements of our wine production process, including air quality, the handing of hazardous waste, recycling, water use and discharge, emissions and traffic impacts. Compliance with these and other environmental regulation requires significant resources. Continued regulatory and market trends towards sustainability may require or incentivize us to make changes to our current business operations. We may experience future increases in the costs associated with environmental regulatory compliance, including fees, licenses and the cost of capital improvements to meet environmental regulatory requirements. Although we don't cultivate our own grapes, increased costs associated with environmental regulatory compliance may impact grape growers, which may increase out costs to purchase bulk juice.

Changes in foreign and domestic laws and government regulations to which we are currently subject, including changes to the method or approach of enforcement of these government rules and regulations, may increase our costs or limit our ability to sell our wines into certain markets, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Government laws and regulations may result in increased production and sales costs, including an increase on the applicable tax in various state, federal and foreign jurisdictions in which we do business. The amount of wine that we can sell directly to consumers outside of California is regulated, and in certain states we are not allowed to sell wines directly to consumers at all. Changes in these laws and regulations that tighten current rules could have an adverse impact on sales or increase costs to produce, market, package or sell wine. Changes in regulation that require significant additional source data for registration and sale, in the labelling or warning requirements, or limitations on the permissibility of any component, condition or ingredient, in the places in which our wines can be legally sold could inhibit sales of affected products in those markets.

The wine industry is subject to extensive regulation by a number of foreign and domestic agencies, state liquor authorities and local authorities. These regulations and laws dictate such matters as licensing requirements, land use, production methods, trade and pricing practices, permitted distribution channels, permitted and required labelling, advertising, sequestration of classes of wine and relations with wholesalers and retailers. Any expansion of our existing facilities may be limited by present and future zoning ordinances, use permit terms, environmental restrictions and other legal requirements. In addition, new or updated regulations, requirements or licenses, particularly changes that impact our ability to sell DTC and/or retain accounts in California, or new or increased excise taxes, income taxes, property and sales taxes or international tariffs, could affect our financial condition or results of operations. From time to time, states consider proposals to increase state alcohol excise taxes. New or revised regulations or increased licensing fees, requirements or taxes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

## Risks related to our common stock

## Our failure to maintain continued compliance with the listing requirements of the NYSE American exchange could result in the delisting of our common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE American exchange. The rules of NYSE American provide that the NYSE American may, in its discretion, suspend dealings in, or may remove any security from, listing. As a matter of policy, NYSE American will consider the delisting of a security when the financial condition and/or operating results of a company appear to be unsatisfactory, the extent of public distribution or the aggregate market value of the security has become so reduced as to make further dealings on the NYSE American inadvisable, the company has sold or otherwise disposed of its principal operating assets, or has ceased to be an operating company, the company has failed to comply with its listing agreements with the NYSE American, or any other event shall occur or any condition shall exist which makes further dealings on the NYSE American unwarranted. For example, the NYSE American considers suspending trading in, or removing the listing of, securities of an issuer that has stockholders' equity of less than (i) \$2 million if such issuer has sustained losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in three of its four most recent fiscal years, or (iii) \$4 million if such issuer has sustained losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in its five most recent fiscal years, or (iii) \$6 million if such issuer has sustained losses of an issuer that has sustained losses which are so substantial in relation to its overall operations or its existing financial resources, or its financial condition has become so impaired that it appears questionable as to whether such issuer will be able to continue operations and/or meet its obligations as they mature.

On September 8, 2023, we received a written notice (the "Notice") from NYSE American stating that we were not in compliance with the \$4 million stockholders' equity requirement of Section 1003(a)(ii) of the NYSE American Company Guide (the "Company Guide"). We reported stockholders' equity of \$2.4 million for the period ended June 30, 2023 and have had losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022. As required by the NYSE American, we submitted a plan to the NYSE American on October 9, 2023 addressing actions we have taken or and how we intend to regain compliance with the continued listing standards by March 8, 2025.

On November 21, 2023, we received notification (the "Acceptance Letter") from NYSE American that the Company's plan to regain compliance with NYSE American's listing standards was accepted. The Acceptance Letter also stated that the Company is not in compliance with Section 1003(a)(i) of the Company Guide, which requires an issuer to have stockholders' equity of \$2.0 million or more if it has reported losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in two out of its three most recent fiscal years. The Company reported stockholders' equity of \$1.1 million as of September 30, 2023, the end of its third fiscal quarter of 2023, and has had losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in each of its fiscal years ended December 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

NYSE American has granted the Company a plan period through March 8, 2025 to regain compliance with Sections 1003(a)(i) and (ii) of the Company Guide. On March 10, 2025 the Company received notification that it has resolved the stockholders' equity deficiency with respect to Section 1003(a)(i) and (ii) of the NYSE American Company Guide, and that the Company is now in compliance with the NYSE American continued listing standards relating to stockholders' equity.

On January 6, 2025, NYSE American also notified the Company that it is not in compliance with Section 704 of the NYSE American Company Guide, because the Company failed to hold an annual meeting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 by December 31, 2024. The Company intends to hold a meeting of stockholders in the next several months after the date of this report.

While we expect to regain compliance with the continued listing requirements of NYSE American. it cannot be assured that we will be able to do so or that we will continue to be in compliance in the future. If the Company is not in compliance with all continued listing standards, the Company will be subject to delisting proceedings. If NYSE American delists our common stock from trading on its exchange for failure to meet the listing standards, an investor would likely find it significantly more difficult to dispose of or obtain our shares, and our ability raise future capital through the sale of our shares could be severely limited. Delisting could also have other negative results, including the potential loss of confidence by employees, the loss of institutional investor interest and fewer business development opportunities. Additionally, if we are unable to list on NYSE American, it would likely be more difficult to trade in or obtain accurate quotations as to the market price of our common stock. If our securities are delisted from trading on NYSE American, and we are not able to list its securities on another exchange or to have them quoted on Nasdaq, our securities could be quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board or on the "pink sheets." As a result, we could face significant adverse consequences including:

- limited availability of market quotations for the common stock;
- reduced liquidity for our securities;
- our common shares being categorized as a "penny stock," which requires brokers trading in our common shares to adhere to more stringent rules and possibly result in
  a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our common stock; and
- · decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

In addition, the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996 generally preempts the states from regulating the sale of "covered securities." Our common shares qualify as "covered securities" because they are listed on NYSE American. If our common shares were no longer listed on NYSE American, our securities would not be "covered securities" and we would be subject to regulation in each state in which we offer our securities.

### If our common stock becomes subject to the penny stock rules, it would become more difficult to trade our shares.

The SEC has adopted rules that regulate broker-dealer practices in connection with transactions in penny stocks. Penny stocks are generally equity securities with a price of less than \$5.00, other than securities registered on certain national securities exchanges or authorized for quotation on certain automated quotation systems, provided that current price and volume information with respect to transactions in such securities is provided by the exchange or system. If we do not retain our listing on NYSE American and if the price of our common stock is less than \$5.00, our common stock may be deemed a penny stock. The penny stock rules require a broker-dealer, before a transaction in a penny stock not otherwise exempt from those rules, to deliver a standardized risk disclosure document containing specified information. In addition, the penny stock rules require that before effecting any transaction in a penny stock not otherwise exempt from those rules, a broker-dealer must make a special written determination that the penny stock is a suitable investment for the purchaser and receive (i) the purchaser's written acknowledgment of the receipt of a risk disclosure statement; (ii) a written agreement to transactions involving penny stocks; and (iii) a signed and dated copy of a written suitability statement. These disclosure requirements may have the effect of reducing the trading activity in the secondary market for our common stock, and therefore stockholders may have difficulty selling their shares.

## We will incur significant legal, accounting, and other expenses associated with our public company reporting requirements and corporate governance requirements.

As a public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting, and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company, including costs associated with our public company reporting requirements and corporate governance requirements, including requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as new rules implemented by the SEC and the NYSE American.

As an example of reporting requirements, we are evaluating our internal control systems in order to allow management to report on our internal control over financing reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. As a company with limited capital and human resources, we anticipate that more of management's time and attention will be diverted from our business to ensure compliance with these regulatory requirements than would be the case with a company that has established controls and procedures. This diversion of management's time and attention may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are eligible to be treated as an emerging growth company, and we cannot be certain that the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies will not make our shares less attractive to investors.

We are an emerging growth company, as defined in the JOBS Act. For as long as we continue to be an emerging growth company, we may take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including, among others, (1) not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, (2) reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, (3) exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved and (4) the requirement to present only two years of audited financial statements and only two years of related "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations" in this report. We could be an emerging growth company for up to five years, although circumstances could cause us to lose that status earlier, including if the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700.0 million as of the end of the second fiscal quarter in any fiscal year before that time or if we have total annual gross revenues of \$1.07 billion or more during any fiscal year before that time, in which case we would no longer be an emerging growth company as of the fiscal year end, or if we issue more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt during any three-year period before that time we would cease to be an emerging growth company immediately. We cannot predict if investors will find our shares of common stock less attractive because we may 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 share price may be more volatile.

Under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies can also delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies. We have elected to use this extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies and intend to continue such election until the earlier of the date we (i) are no longer an emerging growth company or (ii) affirmatively and irrevocably opt out of the extended transition period provided in the JOBS Act. Our financial statements may therefore not be comparable to those of other public companies that comply with such new or revised accounting standards.

As a result of being a public company, we are obligated to develop and maintain proper and effective internal control over financial reporting and any failure to maintain the adequacy of these internal controls may negatively impact investor confidence in our company and, as a result, the value of our common stock.

We are required pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. This assessment will need to include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by our management in our internal control over financial reporting. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm will be required to attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our first annual report required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") following the date we are no longer an emerging growth company. Any failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could severely inhibit our ability to accurately report our financial condition or results of operations. If we are unable to conclude that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, or if our independent registered public accounting firm determines we have a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, we could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, the market price of our common stock could decline, we could be subject to sanctions or investigations by the NYSE American, the SEC or other regulatory authorities and our access to the capital markets could be restricted.

In this report, our management concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting were not effective as of December 31, 2024 due to the existence of a material weakness related to internal controls over financial reporting. See Item 9A - Controls and Procedures. Although we intend to engage in activities aimed at remediating these material weaknesses, our remediation activities may not be successful, and our management may continue to conclude that our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting are not effective in future periods.

Provisions of our corporate governance documents could make an acquisition of our Company more difficult and may prevent attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management, even if beneficial to our stockholders.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws and the Nevada Revised Statutes contain provisions that could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so might be beneficial to our stockholders. These provisions include:

· advance notice requirements for stockholder proposals and director nominations;

- the ability of our board of directors to issue new series of, and designate the terms of, preferred stock, without stockholder approval, which could be used to, among other things, institute a rights plan that would have the effect of significantly diluting the stock ownership of a potential hostile acquirer, likely preventing acquisitions that have not been approved by our board of directors; and
- limitations on the ability of stockholders to call special meetings and to take action by written consent.

Because our board of directors is responsible for appointing the members of our management team, these provisions could in turn affect any attempt to replace current members of our management team. As a result, you may lose your ability to sell your stock for a price in excess of the prevailing market price due to these protective measures, and efforts by stockholders to change the direction or management of the Company may be unsuccessful.

## Your percentage ownership in us may be diluted by future issuances of capital stock, which could reduce your influence over matters on which stockholders vote.

Pursuant to our articles of incorporation and bylaws, our board of directors has the authority, without action or vote of our stockholders, to issue all or any part of our authorized but unissued shares of common stock, including shares issuable upon the exercise of options, or shares of our authorized but unissued preferred stock. Issuances of common stock or voting preferred stock would reduce your influence over matters on which our stockholders vote and, in the case of issuances of preferred stock, would likely result in your interest in us being subject to the prior rights of holders of that preferred stock.

## An active, liquid trading market for our common stock may not develop, which may limit your ability to sell your shares.

Although our common stock is listed on the NYSE American under the symbol "AMZE," an active trading market for our shares may not develop or be sustained going forward. A public trading market having the desirable characteristics of depth, liquidity and orderliness depends upon the existence of willing buyers and sellers at any given time, such existence being dependent upon the individual decisions of buyers and sellers over which neither we nor any market maker has control. The failure of an active and liquid trading market to develop and continue would likely have a material adverse effect on the value of our common stock. The market price of our common stock may decline, and you may not be able to sell your shares of our common stock at or above the price you paid for them, or at all. An inactive market may also impair our ability to raise capital to continue to fund operations by selling shares and may impair our ability to acquire other companies or technologies by using our shares as consideration.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could cause the market price of our common stock to drop significantly, even if our business is performing well.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could occur at any time. These sales, or the perception in the market that the holders of a large number of shares intend to sell shares, could reduce the market price of our common stock.

As a public company, we are subject to additional laws, regulations and stock exchange listing standards, which will result in additional costs to us and may strain our resources and divert our management's attention.

As a public reporting company, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, the listing requirements of the NYSE American and other applicable securities laws and regulations. Compliance with these laws and regulations will increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more difficult, time-consuming or costly. We also expect that being a public company and being subject to new rules and regulations will make it more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain coverage. However, the incremental costs that we incur as a result of becoming a public company could exceed our estimate. These factors may therefore strain our resources, divert management's attention and affect our ability to attract and retain qualified members of our board of directors.

Since we have no current plans to pay regular cash dividends on our common stock, you may not receive any return on investment unless you sell your common stock for a price greater than that which you paid for it.

We do not anticipate paying any regular cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any decision to declare and pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements, contractual restrictions, and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant. In addition, our ability to pay dividends is, and may be, limited by covenants of existing and any future outstanding indebtedness we incur. Therefore, any return on investment in our common stock is solely dependent upon the appreciation of the price of our common stock on the open market, which may not occur.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, if they adversely change their recommendations regarding our shares or if our results of operations do not meet their expectations, our share price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our shares will be influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us or our business. We do not have any control over these analysts. Securities and industry analysts do not currently, and may never, publish research on our Company. If no securities or industry analysts commence coverage of our Company, the trading price of our shares would likely be negatively impacted. In the event securities or industry analysts-initiated coverage, and one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our Company or fail to publish reports on us regularly, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our share price or trading volume to decline. Moreover, if one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our stock, or if our results of operations do not meet their expectations, our share price could decline.

#### General risks

## Our operating results and share price may be volatile, and the market price of our common stock may drop below the price you pay.

Our operating results are likely to fluctuate in the future as a publicly traded company, which may occur during the pendency of the Merger transaction or following completion of the Merger. In addition, securities markets worldwide have experienced, and are likely to continue to experience, significant price and volume fluctuations. This market volatility, as well as general economic, market or political conditions, could subject the market price of our shares to wide price fluctuations regardless of our operating performance. You may not be able to resell your shares at or above the price that you paid or pay for them or at all. Our operating results and the trading price of our shares may fluctuate in response to various factors, many of which are beyond our control, may cause our operating results and the market price and demand for our shares to fluctuate substantially. While we believe that operating results for any particular year or quarter are not necessarily a meaningful indication of future results, fluctuations in our yearly or quarterly operating results could limit or prevent investors from readily selling their shares and may otherwise negatively affect the market price and liquidity of our shares. In addition, in the past, when the market price of a stock has been volatile, holders of that stock have sometimes instituted securities class action litigation against the company that issued the stock. If any of our stockholders brought a lawsuit against us, we could incur substantial costs defending the lawsuit. Such a lawsuit could also divert the time and attention of our management from our business, which could significantly harm our profitability and reputation.

We may require additional debt and equity capital to pursue our business objectives and respond to business opportunities, challenges, or unforeseen circumstances. If such capital is not available to us, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

We may require additional capital to pursue our business objectives and respond to business opportunities, challenges, or unforeseen circumstances, including to increase our marketing expenditures to improve our wine brand awareness, build and maintain our product inventory, develop new wines, enhance our operating infrastructure and acquire complementary businesses. Accordingly, we may need to engage in equity or debt financings to secure additional funds. However, additional funds may not be available when we need them on terms that are acceptable to us or at all. Moreover, any debt financing that we secure in the future could involve restrictive covenants, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities. Volatility in the credit markets may also have an adverse effect on our ability to obtain debt financing. If we raise additional funds through further issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, our existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences, and privileges superior to those of holders of our common stock. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing or financing on terms satisfactory to us when we require it, we may be forced to obtain financing on undesirable terms or our ability to continue to pursue our business objectives and to respond to business opportunities, challenges or unforeseen circumstances could be significantly limited, and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

#### ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

Not applicable.

#### ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY.

The Company has not adopted any formal cybersecurity risk management program or formal processes for assessing, identifying, and managing material risks from cybersecurity threats. The full board of directors has oversight responsibility for the Company's overall risk management, including cybersecurity risk, and has not delegated oversight authority for cybersecurity risks to any committee. In fiscal year 2024, we did not identify any cybersecurity threats that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our business strategy, results of operations, or financial condition.

#### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

Effective November 1, 2022, we maintain a virtual administrative office environment. The address, for mailing purposes, of our principle executive offices is P.O. Box 78984, Charlotte, NC 28271.

Our production facility, which we occupied on an alternating proprietorship basis, was located in Napa, California. The initial term of the Alternating Proprietorship Agreement with our "host winery" expired in July 2022, but was renewed and was ultimately terminated in December 2023.

We utilize two warehouse facilities in American Canyon, California. We pay storage fees per pallet and entry and exit processing fees.

We expect that the current properties will be adequate for our current office and production needs.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, we did not incur facilities rental expense.

#### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

We may be subject to legal disputes and subject to claims that arise in the ordinary course of business. Except as set forth below, we are not a party or subject to any pending legal proceedings the resolution of which is expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows or financial condition.

Timothy Michaels Lawsuit

The Company was a defendant in a lawsuit styled Timothy Michaels v. Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. filed May 27, 2022 in the Fourth Judicial District Court, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The lawsuit related to a complaint filed by Mr. Michaels resulting from the Company including a restricted "lock-up" legend on shares of the Company's common stock issued to Mr. Michaels pursuant to a settlement agreement that the Company entered into with Mr. Michaels following termination of his employment and for not removing or directing the Company's transfer agent to remove such legend. On January 25, 2024, the jury in the lawsuit rendered a verdict against the Company awarding damages to Mr. Michaels in the amount of \$585,976.25. On February 22, 2024, the Company filed a renewed motion for post-verdict judgment in favor of the Company as a matter of law. On February 26, 2024, the Judge in the lawsuit denied the renewed motion for post-verdict judgment. On March 25, 2024, Mr. Michaels filed a Notice and Application for Taxation of Costs and Disbursements. On March 26, 2024, the Company filed its Notice of Appeal. On March 26, 2024, Mr. Michaels served a motion for Preverdict and Prejudgment Interest. On March 27, 2024, a Notice of Entry of Judgment was filed and, on March 28, 2024, a Notice of Docketing of Judgment was entered. Mr. Michaels has commenced garnishment proceedings against certain of the Company's bank accounts and other third parties in an attempt to collect on the judgment and such proceedings remain pending. The court of appeals affirmed the judgment in February 2025. On March 12, 2025 the Company petitioned the supreme court for review and is awaiting the supreme court's decision on its petition.

#### ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

Not applicable.

#### PART II

## ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

#### **Market Information**

Our common stock began trading on the NYSE American under the symbol "VINE" on December 14, 2021. Effective March 24, 2025, our common stock began trading on NYSE American under the ticker symbol "AMZE".

#### Stockholders

As of March 31, 2025, there were 43 stockholders of record of our common stock, one of which was Cede & Co., a nominee for The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Shares of common stock that are held by financial institutions as nominees for beneficial owners are deposited into participant accounts at DTC and are considered to be held of record by Cede & Co. as one stockholder.

#### **Dividends**

We have never declared or paid any dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate that we will pay any dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future. Instead, we currently plan to retain any earnings to finance the growth of our business. Any future determination relating to dividend policy will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations and capital requirements as well as other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors.

## Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The information required by Item 5 is incorporated herein by reference to Item 12 below.

## **Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

There were no unregistered sales of equity securities during the year ended December 31, 2024 that were not disclosed by the Company on a Current Report on Form 8-K.

## **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

None.

## ITEM 6. [RESERVED].

## 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 the financial statements and related notes to those statements as included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to historical financial information, the following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. See "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-looking Statements" included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including those discussed in Part I "Item 1A. Risk Factors" included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Under this "Management's Discussion And Analysis Of Financial Condition And Results Of Operations," "we," "us," "our" "Fresh Vine," "Fresh Vine," "Amaze" and the "Company" refer to Amaze Holdings, Inc.

#### **Overview**

Amaze Holdings Inc. (formerly Fresh Vine Wine, Inc.) is a producer of low carb, low calorie, premium wines in the United States. Founded in 2019, the Company brings an innovative "better-for-you" solution to the wine market. We currently sell seven varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé, Sparkling Rosé, and a limited Reserve Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. All varietals are produced and bottled in Napa, California.

Amaze's wines are distributed across the United States and Puerto Rico through wholesale, retail, and direct-to-consumer (DTC) channels. The Company is able to conduct wholesale distribution of our wines in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. As of December 31, 2024, the Company holds relationships with wholesale distributors in 50 states. The Company is working with leading distributors, including Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits (SGWS), Johnson Brothers, and Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC), to expand our presence across the contiguous United States.

Amaze's core wine offerings are priced strategically to appeal to mass markets and sell at a list price between \$15 and \$25 per bottle. Given the Company brand's "better-for-you" appeal, and overall product quality, Amaze believes that it presents today's consumers with a unique value proposition within this price category. Additionally, the Company is one of very few products available at this price point that includes a named winemaker, Jamey Whetstone.

Amaze's marketing activities focus primarily on consumers in the 21-to-34-year-old demographic with moderate to affluent income and on those with a desire to pursue a healthy and active lifestyle.

Amaze's asset-light operating model allows it to utilize third-party assets, including land and production facilities. This approach helps us mitigate many of the risks associated with agribusiness, such as isolated droughts or fires. Because the Company sources product inputs from multiple geographically dispersed vendors, it reduces reliance on any one vendor and benefit from broad availability/optionality of product inputs. This is particularly important as a California-based wine producer where droughts or fires can have an extremely detrimental impact to a company's supply chain if not diversified.

#### **Key Financial Metrics**

We use net revenue, gross profit (loss) and net income (loss) to evaluate the performance of Amaze. These metrics are useful in helping us to identify trends in our business, prepare financial forecasts and make capital allocation decisions, and assess the comparable health of our business relative to our direct competitors.

	December 31,		
	 2024		2023
Net revenue	\$ 299,065	\$	1,826,190
Gross profit (loss)	\$ (5,819)	\$	(2,585,929)
Net loss	\$ (2,518,986)	\$	(10,615,035)

## Components of Results of Operations and Trends That May Impact Our Results of Operations

#### Net revenue

Our net revenue consists primarily of wine sales to distributors and retailers, which together comprise our wholesale channel, and directly to individual consumers through our DTC channel. Net revenues generally represent wine sales and shipping, when applicable, and to a lesser extent branded merchandise and wine club memberships. For wine and merchandise sales, revenues are recognized at time of shipment. For Wine Club memberships, revenues are recognized quarterly at the time of fulfilment.

We refer to the volume of wine we sell in terms of cases. Each case contains 12 standard bottles, in which each bottle has a volume of 750 milliliters. Cases are sold through Wholesale/Retail or DTC channels.

The following factors and trends in our business have driven our net revenue results and are expected to be key drivers of our net revenue for the foreseeable future:

**Brand recognition:** As we drive visibility through traditional and modern marketing methods, we expect to build awareness and name recognition for Amaze in consumers' minds. Brand awareness will be built substantially through social media channels.

**Portfolio evolution:** As a relatively new, high-growth brand, we expect and seek to learn from our consumers. We intend to continuously evolve and refine our products to meet our consumers' specific needs and wants, adapting our offering to maximize value for our consumers and stakeholders.

Distribution expansion and acceleration: Purchasing by distributors and loyal accounts that continue to feature our wines are key drivers of net revenue.

**Seasonality:** In line with industry norms, we anticipate our net revenue peaking during the quarter spanning from October through December due to increased consumer demand around the major holidays. This is particularly true in our DTC revenue channel, where marketing programs will often be aligned with the holiday season and product promotions will be prevalent.

#### Revenue Channels

Our sales and distribution platform is built upon a highly developed network of distributor accounts. Within this network, we have signed agreements in place with several of the nation's largest distributors including Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits and RNDC, among others. While we are actively working with these distributors in certain markets, they operate across the United States, and we intend to grow our geographic/market presence through these relationships. The development of these relationships and impacts to our related product mix will impact on our financial results as our channel mix shifts.

- Wholesale channel: Consistent with sales practices in the wine industry, sales to retailers and distributors occur below SRP (Suggested Retail Price). We work closely with distributors to increase wine volumes and the number of products sold by their retail accounts in their respective territories.
- DTC channel: Wines sold through our DTC channels are generally sold at SRP, although we do periodically offer various promotions. Our DTC channel continues to grow as a result of a number of factors, including expanded e-commerce sites and social media capabilities.

Wholesale channel sales made on credit terms generally require payment within 30 days of delivery; however our credit terms with Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits requires payment within 60 days of delivery. During periods in which our net revenue channel mix reflects a greater concentration of wholesale sales, we typically experience an increase in accounts receivable for the period to reflect the change in sales mix; payment collections in the subsequent period generally reduce our accounts receivable balance and have a positive impact on cash flows.

We intend to maintain and expand relationships with existing distributors and form relationships with new distributors as we work to grow the Company. With multiple varietals within the Amaze portfolio, we consider ourselves to be a 'one-stop shop' for better-for-you wines. We continue to innovate with new products at competitive price points and strive to enhance the experience as we increase revenue with new and existing consumers.

In the DTC channel, our comprehensive approach to consumer engagement in both online and traditional forums is supported by an integrated e-commerce platform. Our marketing efforts target consumers who have an interest in healthy and active lifestyles. We attempt to motivate consumers toward a simple and easy purchasing decision using a combination of defined marketing programs and a modernized technology stack.

Increasing customer engagement is a key driver of our business and results of operations. We continue to invest in our DTC channel and in performance marketing to drive customer engagement. In addition to developing new product offerings and cross-selling wines in our product portfolio, we focus on increasing customer conversion and retention. As we continue to invest in our DTC channel, we expect to increase customer engagement and subsequently deliver greater satisfaction. We also distribute our wines via other wine e-commerce sites such as Wine.com and Vivino.com and plan to continue to add affiliate retail websites.

#### Net Revenue Percentage by Channel

We calculate net revenue percentage by channel as net revenue made through our wholesale channel to distributors, through our wholesale channel directly to retail accounts, and through our DTC channel, respectively, as a percentage of our total net revenue. We monitor net revenue percentage across revenue channels to understand the effectiveness of our distribution model and to ensure we are employing resources effectively as we engage customers.

		Year ended December 31,			
	2024	2023			
Wholesale	15%	73%			
Director to consumer	85%	27%			
	100%	100%			

#### **Cost of Revenues**

Cost of revenues is comprised of all direct product costs such as juice, bottles, caps, corks, labels, and capsules. Additionally, we also categorize boxes and quality assurance testing within our cost of revenues. Amaze expects that cost of revenues will increase as net revenue increases. As the volume of the product inputs increases, the Company intends to work to renegotiate vendor contracts with key suppliers to reduce overall product input costs as a percentage of net revenue. Based on a proposed sale of inventory at a price below the Company's cost, the Company completed an evaluation of the net realizable value of our inventory during the year ended December 31, 2023. As a result of this evaluation, the Company recorded a \$1.8 million inventory write down to reflect it at its net realizable value by December 31, 2023. This is recorded in cost of revenue in the financial statements. The inventory reserve balance at December 31, 2023 was approximately \$112,000. The Company estimated no inventory to be sold a price below the Company's cost and therefore has no reserve as of December 31, 2024.

Additionally, the Company includes shipping fees in all DTC revenues. These fees are paid by end consumers at time of order and subsequently itemized within the cost of each individual sale.

As a commodity product, the cost of wine fluctuates due to annual harvest yields and the availability of juice. This macroeconomic consideration is not unique to Amaze, although we are conscious of its potential impact to our product cost structure.

#### **Gross Profit (Loss)**

Gross profit (loss) is equal to our net revenue less cost of revenues.

#### Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general, and administrative expenses consist of selling expenses, marketing expenses, and general and administrative expenses. Selling expenses consist primarily of direct selling expenses in our wholesale and DTC channels, including payroll and related costs, product samples, processing fees, and other outside service fees or consulting fees. Marketing expenses consist primarily of advertising costs to promote brand awareness, contract fees incurred as a result of significant sports marketing agreements, customer retention costs, payroll, and related costs. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of payroll and related costs.

## **Equity-Based Compensation**

Equity-based compensation consists of the accounting expense resulting from our issuance of equity or equity-based grants issued in exchange for employee or non-employee services. We measure equity-based compensation cost at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and recognize the compensation expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period. We recognize any forfeitures as they occur.

## **Results of Operations**

	Year	ended		
	December 31,			
	 2024		2023	
Net revenue	\$ 299,065	\$	1,826,190	
Cost of revenues	304,884		4,412,119	
Gross profit (loss)	 (5,819)		(2,585,929)	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,112,840		6,322,184	
Equity-based compensation	6,249		1,708,218	
Loss from operations	(3,124,908)		(10,616,331)	
Interest income	36,977		1,296	
Interest expense	(155,409)		_	
Unrealized loss on equity investment	(33,500)		_	
Gain on extinguishment of liabilities	757,854		_	
Net loss	\$ (2,518,986)	\$	(10,615,035)	

#### Comparison of the Fiscal Years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

## Net Revenue, Cost of Revenues and Gross Profit

	 Year ended Dece	ember 31,	Change		
	2024	2023	\$	%	
Net revenue	\$ 299,665 \$	1,826,190	(1,527,125)	-84%	
Cost of revenues	304,884	4,412,119	(4,107,235)	-93%	
Gross loss	\$ (5,819) \$	(2,585,929)	2,580,110	100%	

We had net revenue in fiscal 2024 of approximately \$300,000. Net revenue in fiscal 2023 was approximately \$1.8 million. The decrease in net revenue was mostly attributable to decreasing sales and marketing spending as the Company planned for a potential merger in the first part of 2024 and the potential business combination in the second part of 2024. We generated net revenue of approximately \$46,000 during fiscal 2024 from our wholesale distribution channel and approximately \$254,000 of net revenue from our direct-to-consumer sales channel. This revenue distribution represents 15% and 85%, respectively, of our net revenue during the period.

## Selling, general and administrative expenses

	Year ended December 31,				Change	
	 2024	2023			\$	
Selling expenses	\$ 283,752	\$	965,091	\$	(681,339)	
Marketing expenses	343,148		1,576,324		(1,233,176)	
General and administrative expenses	2,485,940		3,780,769		(1,294,829)	
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 3,112,840	\$	6,322,184	\$	(3,209,344)	

For the year ended December 31, 2024, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 51%, compared to the period ended December 31, 2023. Selling, general and administrative expense decreases were largely driven by decreases in expenses due to lower staffing headcount and related salaries and less consulting, legal and financial expenses as operational activity decreased from 2023 to 2024. The year-over-year decrease in marketing expenses primarily resulted from decreased advertising, social media marketing, tastings, and other promotion materials and events as selling and marketing expenses are directly related to sale trends. During 2024, the Company extinguished liabilities totaling approximately \$758,000.

#### **Cash Flows**

		year ended				
		December 31,				
	20			2023		
Cash provided by (used in):						
Operating activities	\$	(1,931,830)	\$	(4,809,009)		
Investing activities		(3,500,000)		(500,000)		
Financing activities		5,251,137		3,565,014		
Net (decrease) increase in cash	\$	(180,693)	\$	(1,743,995)		

Net cash used in operating activities was approximately \$1.9 million and \$4.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. Cash used in operating activities decreased in the period ended December 31, 2024 was primarily the result of decreased overall business as sales were down, as well as decreases in general and administrative expenses due to lower staffing headcount and related salaries and less consulting, legal and financial expenses as operational activity decreased from 2023 to 2024. The decrease is also due to the fact that no inventory purchases were made in 2024 to maintain our inventory levels to meet demand and reductions in costs for staffing and marketing activities.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$3,500,000 and \$500,000 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. Cash used in investing activities in the 2024 period was from the note receivable issued to Amaze Software, Inc., see Note 5 to accompanying financial statements.

Net cash provided by financing activities was approximately \$5.3 million and \$3.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. The difference is due to the Rights Offering of \$2,615,014, the issuance of preferred stock for a net of \$950,000 during the year ended December 31, 2023, proceeds from the issuance of preferred stock for a net of approximately \$4.7 million and \$500,000 from the sale of convertible debt for the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our primary cash needs are for working capital purposes, such as producing or purchasing inventory and funding operating expenses. We have funded our operations through equity and debt financings, as described under the caption "Financing Transactions" below.

We have incurred losses and negative cash flows from operations since our inception in May 2019, including net losses of approximately (\$2.5) million and (\$10.6) million during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2024, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$29.2 million and a total stockholders' equity of approximately \$1.5 million. We expect to incur losses in future periods as we continue to operate our business and incur expenses associated with being a public company.

As of December 31, 2024, we had approximately \$156,000 in cash, accounts receivable of approximately \$7,000, note receivable of \$3,500,000, inventory of approximately \$212,000, and prepaid expenses of approximately \$34,000. On December 31, 2024, current assets amounted to approximately \$4.4 million and current liabilities were \$2.9 million resulting in working capital (with working capital defined as current assets minus current liabilities) of approximately \$1.5 million.

Since the commencement of its operations, the Company's operating and other expenses have significantly exceeded its revenues. The Company put in place cash preservation initiatives in the second half of 2022, including a strategic restructuring plan aimed at cash resources while continuing to focus on accelerating sales growth. That plan resulted in the termination of members of the Company's internal sales team, the engagement of a third party vendor positioned to more efficiently and effectively facilitate sales, and the engagement of a third party vendor to manage marketing initiatives and drive growth within the Direct-to-Consumer sales channel.

During the second quarter of 2023, the Company undertook a review of the Company's operations and strategic plans, and took measures aimed at improving the Company's operational efficiency, curtailing operating expenses and further preserving cash resources. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company continued to work to reduce its operating expenses, including reducing its warehousing costs, while continuing to provide customers the opportunity to experience its wine and supporting its current retail customers and those purchasing via the Company's wine club or from its website.

Commencing in June 2023, the Company has worked aggressively to identify prospective new sources of capital, while working with advisors to assess and improve its liquidity position, including from the sale of existing inventory. Early in the third quarter of 2023, the Company entered into purchase orders for the sale of up to 45,000 cases of the Company's wine to Grocery Outlet, a discount retailer, with sales occurring through the last part of 2023. The Company had sales related to this agreement totaling approximately \$43,000 and \$829,000 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

On August 2, 2023, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with two accredited investors pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell in a private placement shares of a newly created series of preferred stock designated as Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Stock"). Pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the purchasers collectively purchased 10,000 shares of Series A Stock at a per share purchase price equal to \$100.00, for total gross proceeds of \$1.0 million.

On October 8, 2024, the Company entered into Securities Purchase Agreements with two accredited investors, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell up to an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000 of secured convertible promissory notes ("Notes") that will be convertible into shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001, and warrants ("Warrants") to purchase up to 740,000 shares of common stock. The Notes were issued with the original issuance discount of 20%, resulting in gross proceeds of \$500,000 to the Company.

During 2024, we issued and sold a total of 50,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock to accredited investors at a purchase price of \$100.00 per share in a private placement pursuant to securities purchase agreements for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$5.0 million.

See "Financing Transactions" below for a description of these agreements.

In August 2023, the Company announced that it had initiated an exploration of strategic opportunities by way of merger, acquisition, or any accretive strategic transaction to enhance stockholder value, which is a focus of the Company's plan to increase its stockholders' equity and regain compliance with the NYSE American's continued listing standards. On January 25, 2024, the Company entered into the merger agreement with Notes Live, however, on July 31, 2024 the Merger Agreement was terminated.

In November 2024, the Company entered into a Business Combination Agreement (the "Business Combination Agreement") with (i) Amaze Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Pubco"), (ii) VINE Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly subsidiary of Pubco ("VINE Merger Sub"), (iii) Adifex Merger Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Pubco ("Adifex Merger Sub"), and (iv) Adifex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Adifex").

The Company, Adifex and Amaze Software, Inc subsequently decided to restructure the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement, and on March 7, 2025 the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") to acquire Amaze Software, Inc. Amaze Software is an end-to-end, creator-powered commerce platform offering tools for seamless product creation, advanced e-commerce solutions, and scalable managed services.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, (i) Merger Sub merged with and into Amaze (the "Merger") with Amaze as the surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and (ii) the aggregate merger consideration paid by the Company in connection with the acquisition included 750,000 shares of the Company's Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series D Preferred Stock"), plus warrants (the "Merger Warrants") to purchase an aggregate of 8,750,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock").

As disclosed under Item 3 - Legal Proceedings, the Company has been a defendant in a lawsuit styled Timothy Michaels v. Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. filed May 27, 2022 in the Fourth Judicial District Court, Hennepin County, Minnesota. On January 25, 2024, the jury in the lawsuit rendered a verdict against the Company awarding damages to Mr. Michaels in the amount of \$585,976.25. The damages awarded to Mr. Michaels by the trial court are not covered by the Company's insurance policies. The Company appealed the verdict and the court of appeals affirmed the judgment in February 2025, awarding an additional \$21,644 in damages. The Company petitioned the supreme court for review on March 12, 2025 and is awaiting the supreme court's decision on its petition. Although the Company believes it has legal grounds to appeal the verdict, continued litigation and related actions may be expensive, the outcome of any litigation (including any appeal) is difficult to predict and the existence of continued litigation may impact the ability of management to focus on other business matters. Furthermore, the Company will be required to post an appeals bond in order to stay execution of the money judgment pending any appeal. Given the Company's current financial position, the cost of such an appeals bond is uncertain and may be higher than the typical cost of such a bond or require the Company to provide cash or other collateral.

At the current reduced pace of incurring expenses and without receipt of additional financing, the Company projects that the existing cash balance will be sufficient to fund current operations into the second quarter of 2025. The Company requires additional debt or equity financing to satisfy its existing obligations, sustain existing operations, pay expenses associated with its pending business combination transaction and to satisfy financial related conditions to the closing of such transaction. See "Current Strategy - The Merger" below. Additional financing may not be available on favorable terms or at all. If additional financing is available, it may be highly dilutive to existing stockholders and may otherwise include burdensome or onerous terms. The Company's inability to raise additional working capital in a timely manner will negatively impact the ability to fund operations, generate revenues, maintain or grow the business and otherwise execute the Company's business plan, including its pursuit of its pending business combination transaction, leading to the reduction or suspension of operations and ultimately potentially ceasing operations altogether and initiating bankruptcy proceedings. Should this occur, the value of any investment in the Company's securities would be adversely affected.

These factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Our ability to continue as a going concern in the future will be determined by our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to sustain our operations, raise additional capital in the form of debt or equity financing and/or complete a successful combination transaction with a suitable target company. Our forecast of cash resources is forward-looking information that involves risks and uncertainties, and the actual amount of our expenses could vary materially as a result of a number of factors. We have based our estimates on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and our revenue could prove to be less and our expenses higher than we currently anticipate. Management does not know whether additional financing will be on terms favorable or acceptable to us when needed, if at all. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow to fund our operations and adequate additional funds are not available when required, management may need to curtail its sales and marketing efforts, which would adversely affect our business prospects, or we may be unable to continue operations.

#### **Current Strategy**

#### Acquisition of Amaze Software, Inc.

On March 7, 2025, the Company completed the acquisition of Amaze Software, Inc., pursuant to an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") by and among the Company, Amaze Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Fresh Vine ("Merger Sub"), Amaze Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Amaze Software"), the stockholders of Amaze Software listed on Schedule I thereto (each, a "Holder" and together the "Holders"), and Aaron Day, solely in his capacity as the Holders' Representative (the "Holders' Representative"). Amaze Software is an end-to-end, creator-powered commerce platform offering tools for seamless product creation, advanced e-commerce solutions, and scalable managed services.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, (i) Merger Sub merged with and into Amaze (the "Merger") with Amaze as the surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Fresh Vine, and (ii) the aggregate merger consideration paid by the Company in connection with the acquisition included 750,000 shares of the Company's Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series D Preferred Stock"), plus warrants (the "Merger Warrants") to purchase an aggregate of 8,750,000 shares of Fresh Vine's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock").

The Merger Agreement contains various covenants of the parties, including covenants providing for (a) the Company to prepare and a file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) a proxy statement related to the solicitation of stockholder votes to approve the Fresh Vine Stockholder Matters (as defined in the Merger Agreement), including the issuance of shares of Common Stock in excess of the Exchange Share Cap and Individual Holder Share Cap (as defined in the Certificate) and the resulting change in control of Fresh Vine; and (b) for the Company to prepare and file with the SEC a registration statemen for the purpose of registering for resale the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Series D Preferred Stock and exercise of the Merger Warrants.

#### **Financing Transactions**

We have funded our operations through a combination of debt and equity financings.

During the first quarter of 2023, the Company distributed, at no charge to holders of the Company's common stock, non-transferable subscription rights to purchase up to an aggregate of 6,366,129 Units. Each Unit consisted of one share of our common stock and a Warrant to purchase one share of our common stock. The Warrants were exercisable immediately, expire five years from the date of issuance and have an exercise price of \$1.25 per share. For each share of common stock held by a stockholder of the Company on February 22, 2023, the record date of the Rights Offering, such stockholder received 0.5 subscription rights. Each whole subscription right allowed the holder thereof to subscribe to purchase one Unit, which we refer to as the basic subscription right, at a subscription price of \$1.00 per Unit. In addition, any holder of subscription rights exercising his, her or its basic subscription right in full was eligible to subscribe to purchase additional Units that remained unsubscribed in the Rights Offering at the same subscription privilege rule that applied to the basic subscription right, subject to proration among participants exercising their over-subscription privilege, which we refer to as the over-subscription privilege. The subscription rights period expired on March 9, 2023, and resulted in stockholders subscribing for 3,143,969 Units. Upon the closing of the Rights Offering, which occurred on March 14, 2023, we issued 3,143,969 shares of common stock and 3,143,969 Warrants and received aggregate gross cash proceeds of approximately \$3.14 million. After deducting dealer-manager fees and other fees and expenses related to the Rights Offering, we received net proceeds of approximately \$2.7 million. If exercised, additional gross proceeds of up to approximately \$3.93 million may be received through the exercise of Warrants issued in the Rights Offering. The Rights Offering was made pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-269082), which was declared effective by the U.S. S

On August 2, 2023, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with two accredited investors pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell in a private placement (the "Series A Offering") shares of a newly created series of preferred stock designated as Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Stock"). Pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the purchasers collectively agreed to purchase up to 10,000 shares of Series A Stock at a per share purchase price equal to \$100.00, for total gross proceeds of up to \$1.0 million. The purchasers purchased 4,000 shares of Series A Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$400,000 on August 4, 2023, purchased an additional 4,000 shares of Series A Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$400,000 on September 7, 2023, and purchased an additional 2,000 shares of Series A Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$200,000 on December 1, 2023. The Company previously engaged The Oak Ridge Financial Services Group, Inc. ("Oak Ridge") to serve as a financial adviser to the Company in connection with the capital raising activities. The Company paid Oak Ridge a \$10,000 cash advisory fee upon commencement of the engagement and, in connection with the Series A Offering, the Company has agreed to pay the Oak Ridge a cash fee equal to 5.0% of the gross proceeds received by the Company in the Series A Offering, in addition to reimbursing Oak Ridge for its out-of-pocket expenses.

On October 8, 2024, the Company entered into Securities Purchase Agreements with two accredited investors, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell up to an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000 of secured convertible promissory notes ("Notes") that will be convertible into shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001, and warrants ("Warrants") to purchase up to 740,000 shares of common stock. The Notes were issued with original issuance discount of 20%, resulting in gross proceeds of \$500,000 to the Company. The Notes bear no interest unless an event of default occurs, and mature on April 8, 2025. The Notes may be prepaid. Each Note is convertible into common stock at a conversion price equal to \$0.40. A holder of the Note (together with its affiliates) may not convert any portion of the Note to the extent that the holder would beneficially own more than 9.99% of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock immediately after exercise. The conversion price and number of shares of the Company's common stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes will be subject to adjustment from time to time for any subdivision or consolidation of shares, dilutive issuances and other events.

During 2024, the Company sold a total of 50,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock to accredited investors at a purchase price of \$100.00 per share in a private placement pursuant to securities purchase agreements, for a total in gross proceeds of approximately \$5 million. Each share of Series B Stock shall be convertible at the option of the holder thereof into the number of shares common stock ("Conversion Shares") calculated by dividing the Stated Value by the Conversion Price (the "Conversion Ratio") (subject to the limitations described below). For such purposes, the "Conversion Price" means \$0.45. However, if the Company's common stock fails to continue to be listed or quoted for trading on a stock exchange (currently, the NYSE American), then the "Conversion Price" thereafter will mean the lesser of (i) \$0.45, or (ii) the closing sale price of the common stock on the trading day immediately preceding the conversion date; provided that the Conversion Price shall not be less than \$0.05 (the "Floor Price").

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

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

While all significant accounting policies are more fully described in Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) to our audited financial statements, we believe that the following accounting policies and estimates are critical to our business operations and understanding of our financial results.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable consists of amounts owed to us for sales of our products on credit and are reported at net realizable value. Credit terms are extended to customers in the normal course of business. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers' financial conditions. We estimate allowances for future returns and doubtful accounts based upon historical experience and its evaluation of the current status of receivables. Accounts considered uncollectible are written off against the allowance. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 we had \$13,403 and \$0 in the allowance for doubtful accounts, respectively.

#### Allowance for Inventory Reserve

Inventories primarily include bottled wine which is carried at the lower of cost (calculated using the first-in-first-out ("FIFO") method) or net realizable value. We reduce the carrying value of inventories that are obsolete or for which market conditions indicate cost will not be recovered to estimated net realizable value. Our estimate of net realizable value is based on analysis and assumptions including, but not limited to, historical experience, future demand and market requirements. Reductions to the carrying value of inventories are recorded in cost of revenues. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 there was \$0 and \$111,710 inventory reserve related to estimated net realizable value, respectively.

#### **Equity-Based Compensation**

We measure equity-based compensation cost at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and recognize the compensation expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period. We recognize any forfeitures as they occur.

We measure equity-based compensation when the service date precedes the grant date based on the fair value of the award as an accrual of equity-based compensation and adjusts the cost to fair value at each reporting date prior to the grant date. In the period in which the grant occurs, the cumulative compensation cost is adjusted to the fair value at the date of the grant.

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

We have not engaged in any off-balance sheet activities as defined in Item 303(a)(4) of Regulation S-K.

#### Accounting Standards and Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) to our audited financial statement for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

#### **Emerging Growth Company Status**

Pursuant to the JOBS Act, a company constituting an "emerging growth company" is, among other things, entitled to rely upon certain reduced reporting requirements and is eligible to take advantage of an extended transition period to comply with new or revised accounting standards applicable to public companies. We are an emerging growth company and have elected to use this extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies until the earlier of the date we (i) are no longer an emerging growth company or (ii) affirmatively and irrevocably opt out of the extended transition period provided in the JOBS Act. Our financial statements may, therefore, not be comparable to those of other public companies that comply with such new or revised accounting standards

#### ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

Not required.

#### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

Our financial statements and supplementary data are included beginning on pages F-1 of this report.

#### ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

None.

#### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), defines the term "disclosure controls and procedures" as those controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of December 31, 2024. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) were not effective as of December 31, 2024 due to the material weakness in internal control over financial reporting as described below.

#### Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. As defined in the securities laws, internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive and principal financial officer and effected by our Board of Directors, management, and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the acquisitions and dispositions of our assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of December 31, 2024 based on the criteria in "Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in 2013. Based upon this evaluation, we concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 31, 2024 due to the following material weaknesses.

Material Weaknesses in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting; Remediation Activities

Management had previously determined that there were material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting resulting from (i) a lack of segregation of incompatible duties based on the limited number of employees responsible for the Company's accounting and reporting functions and (ii) the lack of controls to prevent a misstatement in accounting for extinguishments of liabilities in a timely manner. In an effort to remediate the material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting described above, we intend to take the actions to implement the processes described below.

Lack of segregation of duties. To ensure timely and accurate financial reporting, management is designing processes to keep authorization, recordkeeping, custody of assets, and reconciliation duties separate, and intends to reevaluate its overall staffing levels within the accounting, finance and information technology departments and may hire additional staff to enable segregation of duties.

Review of gain on extinguishment of liabilities. To ensure timely and accurate financial reporting, management intends to design and implement additional internal controls to ensure proper support for extinguished liabilities meets the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles.

Once the above actions and processes have been in operation for a sufficient period of time for our management to conclude that the material weaknesses have been fully remediated and our internal controls over financial reporting are effective, we will consider these material weaknesses fully addressed.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of Wipfli, LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, regarding internal control over financial reporting. Our management report was not subject to attestation by our independent registered public accounting firm pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which exempts nonaccelerated filers from the independent registered public accounting firm attestation requirement.

#### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 that has materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

None.

#### ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS.

Not Applicable.

#### PART III

#### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

The information required by this item will be included in our definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be filed with the SEC on or before April 30, 2025, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The information required by this item will be included in our definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be filed with the SEC on or before April 30, 2025, and is incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

The information required by this item will be included in our definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be filed with the SEC on or before April 30, 2025, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The information required by this item will be included in our definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be filed with the SEC on or before April 30, 2025, and is incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES.

The information required by this item will be included in our definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be filed with the SEC on or before April 30, 2025, and is incorporated herein by reference

#### PART IV

#### ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

The following exhibits and financial statements are filed as part of, or are incorporated by reference into, this report:

#### (1) Financial Statements

The following financial statements are filed with this Annual Report and can be found beginning at page F-1 of this report:

- · Report of independent registered public accounting firm
- Balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023
- Statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023
- · Statements of changes in stockholders' equity/(deficit) for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023
- Statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023
- Notes to financial statements

#### (2) Financial Statement Schedules

Separate financial schedules have been omitted because such information is inapplicable or is included in the financial statements or notes described above.

#### (3) Exhibits

See "Exhibit Index" following the signature page of this Form 10-K for a description of the documents that are filed as Exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K or incorporated by reference herein.

## ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY.

Not applicable.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Annual Report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 31, 2025

#### AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC

By: /s/ Michael Pruitt
Michael Pruitt
Interim Chief Executive Officer

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints each of Michael Pruitt and Keith Johnson, and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstituting, for such individual in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully for all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or the individual's substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Title	
/s/ Michael Pruitt Michael Pruitt	Interim Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal executive officer)	March 31, 2025
/s/ Keith Johnson Keith Johnson	Interim Chief Financial Officer (Principal financial and accounting officer) and Secretary	March 31, 2025
/s/ Eric Doan Eric Doan	Director	March 31, 2025
/s/ Brad Yacullo Brad Yacullo	Director	March 31, 2025
/s/ David Yacullo David Yacullo	Director	March 31, 2025

## EXHIBIT INDEX AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC. FORM 10-K

Number 2.1 2.2	Description  Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 25, 2024, by and among Fresh Vine Wine, Inc., FVW Merger Sub, Inc., and Notes, Live, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 29, 2024)
<u>2.2</u>	Fullibit 2.1 to Comment Depart on Fermi 9.1/10.1 (Fundamental 20. 2024)
<u>2.2</u>	Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K fried January 29, 2024)
	Business Combination Agreement dated as of November 3, 2024 by among VINE, Pubco, Adifex, Adifex Merger Sub and VINE Merger Sub (incorporated by reference to
	Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 7, 2024)
<u>3.1</u>	Plan of Conversion (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed March 31, 2022)
3.2	Articles of Incorporation of Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 20, 2021)
3.1 3.2 3.3	Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-
	K filed on August 2, 2023)
3.4	Amendment No. 1 to Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to
	Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 2, 2023)
<u>3.5</u>	Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-
	K filed on March 20, 2024)
3.6	Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation ((incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 13, 2025)
3.7	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. (effective as of March 24, 2025 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 13,
	2025)
4.1	Form of specimen certificate representing shares of common stock of Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1/A
	(File No. 333-261037) filed on November 29, 2021)
<u>4.2</u>	Form of Underwriter Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 20, 2021)
4.3	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued in rights offering (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1/A-1 (File No. 333-269082)
	filed on January 27, 2023)
4.4	Form of Warrant Agency Agreement between Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Registration Statement
	on Form S-1/A-1 (File No. 333-269082) filed on January 27, 2023)
<u>4.5</u>	Form of Placement Agent Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 2, 2024)
4.6	Description of the Capital Stock Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Annual Report on Form
	10-K filed March 31, 2022)
10.1†	Alternating Proprietorship Agreement dated July 2019 by and between Fior di Sole, LLC and Fresh Grapes, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Registration
	Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-261037) filed on November 12, 2021)
10.2	Custom Winemaking and Bottling Agreement dated September 2019 by and between Fior di Sole, LLC and Fresh Grapes, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to
	Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-261037) filed on November 12, 2021)
10.3#	Form of Founders' Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-261037) filed on November 29, 2021)
10.4#	Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 20, 2021)
10.5#	Form of Indemnification Agreement between Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. and each of its officers and directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Registration Statement on
_	Form S-1/A (File No. 333-261037) filed November 29, 2021)
10.6#_	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, pursuant to the Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, between Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. and each of Timothy Michaels and
	Elliot Savoie (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Registration Statement on Form S-1/A filed November 29, 2021)
10.7#	Separation Agreement and Release dated as of February 24, 2022 by and between Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. and Timothy Michaels (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to
	Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 25, 2022)
10.8#	Amendment No. 1 to Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated as of February 24, 2022 by and between Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. and Timothy Michaels (incorporated by reference to
	Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 25, 2022)

10.9#	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed
	<u>March 31, 2022)</u>
10.10#	Form of Employee Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under the Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to Annual Report on
	Form 10-K filed March 31, 2022)
10.11#	Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement granted under the Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Annual
	Report on Form 10-K filed March 31, 2022)
10.12#	Form of Employee Restricted Stock Agreement under The Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Quarterly Report on
	Form 10-Q filed May 16, 2022)
10.13	Consulting Agreement dated effective December 15, 2022 by and between Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. and Tribe of Five, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current
	Report on Form 8-K filed December 20, 2022)
<u>10.14#</u>	Form of Director Restricted Stock Agreement under the Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.31 to Annual Report on Form
	10-K filed March 31, 2023)
10.15	Securities Purchase Agreement dated August 2, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 2, 2023)
10.16	Termination Agreement dated as of July 31, 2024 between Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. and Notes Live, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K
	filed on August 1, 2024)
10.17	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement for Notes and Warrants (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2024)
10.18	Form of Secure Convertible Promissory Note (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2024)
10.19	Form of Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2024)
10.20	Form of Security Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2024)
10.21	Form of Guaranty (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2024)
10.22	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement for Series B Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2024)
10.23	Forgivable Promissory Note by Amaze Software, Inc. in favor of Fresh Vine Wine, Inc effective October 28, 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report
	on Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2024).
10.24	Security Agreement effective October 28, 2024 between Amaze Holding Company LLC and Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report
	on Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2024).
<u>19.1</u>	Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. Policy on Avoidance of Insider Trading (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 19.1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed March, 8, 2024)
23.1*	Consent of Wipfli LLP
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this report)
31.1*	Section 302 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer
31.2*	Section 302 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. \$1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
<u>97.1</u>	Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. Clawback Policy (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 97.1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed March 8, 2024)
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

## \* Filed herewith.

- # Management contract or compensatory plan
- † Certain portions of this exhibit have been omitted because they are both (i) not material and (ii) would be competitively harmful if publicly disclosed.

The audited financial statements for the periods ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 are included on the following pages:

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#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders Amaze Holdings, Inc.

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Amaze Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Fresh Vine Wine, Inc.) (the "Company") as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company has a history of operating losses and insufficient cash flows from operations, that raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 1. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, 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.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Wipfli LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota March 31, 2025

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2021.

## AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC. BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2024 and 2023

		December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023		
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash	\$	155,647	\$	236,340	
Restricted cash		_		100,000	
Accounts receivable, net		6,966		172,101	
Note receivable		3,500,000		_	
Equity investment		466,500		_	
Inventories		212,494		337,873	
Prepaid expenses and other		33,830		42,943	
Interest receivable		36,888		_	
Total current assets		4,412,325		889,257	
Other assets					
Equity investment		_		500,000	
Total other assets	<u> </u>			500,000	
Total assets	\$	4,412,325	\$	1,389,257	
	<u> </u>	1,112,520	Ψ	1,505,207	
Liabilities, and stockholders' equity (deficit)					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	1,108,777	\$	509,337	
Settlement payable		484,735		585,976	
Accrued expenses		596,610		810,723	
Accrued expenses - related parties		309,333		309,333	
Convertible notes payable		432,105		_	
Deferred revenue		1,919		3,407	
Total current liabilities		2,933,479		2,218,776	
Total liabilities		2,933,479		2,218,776	
Commitment and contingencies – Note 13					
Stockholders' equity (deficit)					
Series A preferred stock; \$0.001 par value – 25,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2024 and 2023;					
9,350 and 10,000 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, preference in liquidation of \$1,597,706 and \$1,541,567 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively		9		10	
Series B preferred stock, \$0.001 par value – 50,000 and 0 shares authorized at December 31, 2024 and 2023,		9		1(	
respectively; 50,000 and 0 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023,		50			
respectively, preference is liquidation of \$7,500,000 and \$0 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.		30		_	
Common stock, \$0.001 par value - 100,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2024 and 2023; 16,713,398 and 15,976,227 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively		16.713		15.976	
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Additional paid-in capital		30,620,875		25,631,255	
Accumulated deficit		(29,158,801)		(26,476,760	
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)		1,478,846		(829,519	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$	4,412,325	\$	1,389,257	

## AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC. STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Year ended December 31,				
	 2024		2023		
Wholesale revenue	\$ 45,546	\$	1,328,382		
Direct to consumer revenue	253,519		497,808		
Total net revenue	299,065		1,826,190		
Cost of revenues	304,884		4,412,119		
Gross profit (loss)	 (5,819)		(2,585,929)		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,112,840		6,322,184		
Equity-based compensation	6,249		1,708,218		
Operating loss	(3,124,908)		(10,616,331)		
Interest income	36,977		1,296		
Interest expense	(155,409)		_		
Unrealized loss on equity investment	(33,500)		_		
Gain on extinguishment of liabilities	 757,854		<u> </u>		
Net loss	(2,518,986)		(10,615,035)		
Preferred dividends – Series A	163,055		41,867		
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (2,682,041)	\$	(10,656,902)		
Weighted average shares outstanding					
Basic	16,114,964		15,329,617		
Diluted	16,114,964		15,329,617		
Net loss per share - basic	\$ (0.17)	\$	(0.69)		
Net loss per share - diluted	\$ (0.17)	\$	(0.69)		

# AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Preferred Stock Series A				Commo	n Stock	Additional Paid-In	Accumulated	
	Shares Amount		Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2022		<u>s</u> —		<u>s</u> —	12,732,257	\$ 12,732	\$ 21,420,732	\$ (15,819,858)	\$ (5,613,606)
Rights offering - common stock and warrants issued	_	_	_	_	3,143,969	3,144	2,543,584	· · · · · ·	2,546,728
Issuance of Series A preferred stock	10,000	10	_	_	_	_	949,990	_	950,000
Accrued preferred dividends, Series A	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(41,867)	(41,867)
Equity-based compensation	_	_	_	_	1,641,332	1,641	715,408	· — ·	717,049
Stock forfeiture	_	_	_	_	(1,541,331)	(1,541)	1,541	_	_
Net loss	_	_	_	_			_	(10,615,035)	(10,615,035)
Balance, December 31, 2023	10,000	10		_	15,976,227	15,976	25,631,255	(26,476,760)	(829,519)
Issuance of Series B preferred stock	_	_	50,000	50	_	_	4,751,087		4,751,137
Accrued preferred dividends, Series A	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(163,055)	(163,055)
Equity-based compensation	_	_	_	_	_	_	6,258		6,258
Stock forfeitures	_	_	_	_	(10,000)	(10)	_	_	(10)
Series A preferred stock conversion	(650)	(1)	_	_	747,171	747	8,971	_	9,717
Issuance of warrants, with conversion of notes payable	_	_	_	_	_	_	223,304	_	223,304
Net loss	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(2,518,986)	(2,518,986)
Balance, December 31, 2024	9,350	\$ 9	50,000	\$ 50	16,713,398	\$ 16,713	\$ 30,620,875	\$ (29,158,801)	\$ 1,478,846

## AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

		2024		2023	
Cash flows from operating activities	•	(2.210.000)		(10.41-00-0	
Net loss	\$	(2,518,986)	\$	(10,615,035)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:					
Amortization of original issue discount		155,409			
Unrealized loss on equity investment		33,500		_	
Gain on extinguishment of liabilities		(757,854)		_	
Equity-based compensation		6,249		1,708,218	
Inventory write-down		_		1,844,210	
Allowance for doubtful accounts		13,403		37,733	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities					
Accounts receivable		151,732		87,216	
Insurance recovery receivable		_		804,907	
Inventories		125,379		1,514,115	
Prepaid expenses and other		9,113		605,268	
Interest receivable		(36,888)		_	
Accounts payable		632,634		(79,867)	
Accrued compensation		_		(420,413)	
Settlement payable		(101,241)		(664,024)	
Accrued expenses		(357,208)		345,923	
Accrued expenses - related parties				29,333	
Deferred revenue		(1,488)		(6,593)	
Net cash used in operating activities		(1,931,830)		(4,809,009)	
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Cash flows from investing activities					
Note receivable		(3,500,000)		_	
Equity investment				(500,000)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,500,000)		(500,000)	
		(0,000,000)		(***,***)	
Cash flows from financing activities					
Proceeds from note payable		42,500		_	
Proceeds from convertible notes payable and warrants		500,000		_	
Proceeds from Series A issuance of preferred stock – net of issuance costs		_		950,000	
Proceeds from Series B issuance of preferred stock – net of issuance costs		4,751,137		_	
Payments on note payable		(42,500)		_	
Proceeds from rights offering – net of issuance costs		(12,500)		2,615,014	
Net cash provided by financing activities		5,251,137	_	3,565,014	
Net easi provided by initiationing activities		3,231,137		3,303,014	
Net decrease in cash		(180,693)		(1,743,995)	
Net detrease in Cash		(100,093)		(1,743,993)	
Cash and restricted cash - beginning of year		336,340		2,080,335	
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Cash and restricted cash - end of year	\$	155,647	\$	336,340	
		2024		2023	
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash activities investing and financing activities:					
Dividends declared but not paid	\$	163,055	\$	41,867	
Equity warrants issued in conjunction with convertible notes payable	\$	223,305	\$		
Series A preferred stock converted to common stock	\$ \$	65,000	\$		
Series A preferred dividends converted to common stock	\$ \$	9,717	\$	_ <del>_</del>	
Series A preferred dividends converted to confinion stock	•	9,/1/	Φ	_	

#### AMAZE HOLDINGS, INC. Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2024 and 2023

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Nature of Business

Effective March 24, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), Fresh Vine Wine, Inc. was renamed "Amaze Holdings, Inc." ("Amaze"). Amaze Holdings, Inc. ("the Company", "our", "we"), a Nevada corporation, is a premium wine brand built to complement consumers' healthy and active lifestyles. The Company provides a competitively priced premium product that is blended to deliver several important benefits, such as low-cal, low-sugar, low-carb. The Company's wines are also gluten-free and keto and vegan friendly.

The Company's revenue is comprised primarily of wholesale and direct to consumer (DTC) sales. Wholesale revenue is generated through sales to distributors located in states throughout the United States of America. DTC revenue is generated from individuals purchasing wine directly from the Company through club membership and the Company's website.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Company's financial statements have been prepared and are presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"). The financial statements include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal and recurring items, necessary for the fair presentation of the financial statements. In certain instances, amounts reported in prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current financial statement presentation.

#### Liquidity, Going Concern, and Management Plan

Historically, the Company has incurred losses, which has resulted in an accumulated deficit of approximately \$29.2 million as of December 31, 2024. Cash flows used in operating activities were \$1.9 million and \$4.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had approximately \$1 million in working capital, inclusive of \$156,000 in cash and cash equivalents. The Company has increased its liquidity by termination of sponsorship contracts and through the issuance of debt and equity.

The Company received gross proceeds of approximately \$5 million from a preferred stock offering and \$500,000 from the issuance of convertible notes payable during the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on its ability to meet its liquidity needs through a combination of factors including but not limited to, cash and cash equivalents, working capital and strategic capital raises. The ultimate success of these plans is not guaranteed.

In considering our forecast for the next twelve months and the current cash and working capital as of the filing of this Form 10-K, such matters create a substantial doubt regarding the Company's ability to meet their financial needs and continue as a going concern.

The Company will need additional debt or equity financing to sustain existing operations. If adequate financing is not available, the Company will be forced to take measures to severely reduce our expenses and business operations or discontinue them completely. Such financing, if available, may be dilutive. At the current reduced pace of incurring expenses and with receipt of additional financing and the receipt of proceeds from the expected sales of inventory, the Company projects that the existing cash balance will be sufficient to fund current operations into the second quarter of 2025, after which additional financing or capital will be needed to satisfy obligations. Additional financing may not be available on favorable terms or at all. If additional financing is available, it may be highly dilutive to existing shareholders and may otherwise include burdensome or onerous terms. The Company's inability to raise additional working capital in a timely manner would negatively impact the ability to fund operations, generate revenues, maintain or grow the business and otherwise execute the Company's business plan, leading to the reduction or suspension of operations and ultimately potentially ceasing operations altogether and initiating bankruptcy proceedings. Should this occur, the value of any investment in the Company's securities would be adversely affected.

These factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

#### Business Combination Agreement with Adifex

On November 3, 2024, the Company entered into a Business Combination Agreement (the "Business Combination Agreement") with (i) Amaze Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Pubco"), (ii) VINE Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly subsidiary of Pubco ("VINE Merger Sub"), (iii) Adifex Merger Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Pubco ("Adifex Merger Sub"), and (iv) Adifex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Adifex").

#### Agreement and Plan of Merger with Amaze Software, Inc.

On March 7, 2025, the Company completed the acquisition of Amaze Software, Inc. (the "Acquisition"), pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of March 7, 2024 (the "Merger Agreement") by and among the Company, Amaze Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), Amaze Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation, the stockholders of Amaze Software, Inc. (each, a "Holder" and together the "Holders"), and Aaron Day, solely in his capacity as the Holders' Representative (the "Holders' Representative"). Amaze Software, Inc. is an end-to-end, creator-powered commerce platform offering tools for seamless product creation, advanced e-commerce solutions, and scalable managed services.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, (i) Merger Sub merged with and into Amaze Software, Inc. (the "Merger") with Amaze Software, Inc. as the surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and (ii) the aggregate merger consideration paid by the Company in connection with the acquisition included 750,000 shares of the Company's Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series D Preferred Stock"), plus warrants (the "Merger Warrants") to purchase an aggregate of 8,750,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"). See Note 15.

#### Termination of Agreement and Plan of Merger with Notes Live

On January 25, 2024, the Company, FVW Merger Sub, Inc., a Colorado corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), and Notes, Live, Inc., a Colorado corporation ("Notes Live"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") pursuant to which, among other things, and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into Notes Live, with Notes Live continuing as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and the surviving corporation of the merger (the "Merger"). On July 31, 2024, the Merger Agreement was terminated.

#### **Accounting Estimates**

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include allowance for doubtful accounts, allowance for inventory obsolescence, equity-based compensation for employees and non-employees, and the valuation of deferred tax assets.

#### Cash

The Company maintains its accounts at two financial institutions. At times throughout the year, the Company's cash balances may exceed amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk.

## Restricted Cash

Included in the cash balance is a balance of approximately \$0 and \$100,000 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, that the Company's operating bank has required us to maintain as a security for collectability of automated clearing house transactions. These funds are held in a separate account and are not available for disbursements.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of amounts owed to the Company for sales of the Company's products on credit and are reported at net realizable value. Credit terms are extended to customers in the normal course of business. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial conditions. The Company estimates allowances for future returns and doubtful accounts based upon historical experience and its evaluation of the current status of receivables. Accounts considered uncollectible are written off against the allowance. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the balance in allowance for doubtful accounts is approximately \$13,400 and \$0, respectively.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories primarily include bottled wine which is carried at the lower of cost (calculated using the average cost method) or net realizable value.

The Company reduces the carrying value of inventories that are obsolete or for which market conditions indicate cost will not be recovered to estimated net realizable value. The Company's estimate of net realizable value is based on analysis and assumptions including, but not limited to, historical experience, future demand, and market requirements. Reductions to the carrying value of inventories are recorded in cost of revenues. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had recorded an inventory allowance of approximately \$0 and \$112,000, respectively.

#### **Investment in Equity Securities**

The Company accounts for equity investments that do not provide the Company the ability to exert significant influence over the operating or financial decisions of the investee under the measurement alternative for non-marketable equity securities under ASC 321 Investments – Equity Securities. In accordance with ASC 321, the non-marketable equity securities are initially measured at cost and reviewed at year end for impairment and fair value changes.

The Company accounts for equity investments in public companies by adjusting the fair value at each reporting period based on the readily determinable fair value.

The Company holds one investment in Venu Holding Corp, previously known as Notes Live, Inc. For the year ended December 31, 2023, this investment was recorded at cost and reviewed for impairment. As of December 31, 2023, there were no changes recorded for the value of the investment since the initial measurement. However, in 2024, Venu Holding Corp. went public and now has a readily determinable fair value. As of December 31, 2024, the Company recorded an unrealized loss of approximately \$34,000.

#### Revenue recognition

The Company's total revenue reflects the sale of wine domestically in the U.S. to wholesale distributors or DTC customers. Under ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASC 606"), the Company recognizes revenue when control of the promised good is transferred to the customer in an amount that reflects the consideration for which the Company is expected to be entitled to receive in exchange for those products. Each contract includes a single performance obligation to transfer control of the product to the customer. Control is transferred when the product is either shipped or delivered, depending on the shipping terms, at which point the Company recognizes the transaction price for the product as revenue. The Company has elected to account for shipping and handling as a fulfillment activity, with amounts billed to customers for shipping and handling included in total revenue.

The Company also generates revenue through membership in its wine club. Wine club members pay a monthly fee, which varies depending on level of membership, and are entitled to receive quarterly shipments of wine, free shipping, and discounts on other wine and merchandise purchased. The Company recognizes revenue for the monthly membership dues when the product is delivered. Any membership dues received before the product is delivered as deferred revenue on the Company's balance sheet.

ASC 606 notes that when another party is involved in providing goods or services to a customer, the entity should determine whether the nature of its promise is a performance obligation to provide the specified goods or services itself (that is, the entity is a principal) or to arrange for those goods or services to be provided by the other party (that is, the entity is an agent). The Company does not bear responsibility for inventory losses and does not have pricing determination; therefore, the Company would be considered the agent and revenue should be recognized as net sales.

Products are sold for cash or on credit terms. Credit terms are established in accordance with local and industry practices, and typically require payment within 30-60 days of delivery or shipment, as dictated by the terms of each agreement. The Company has elected the practical expedient to not account for significant financing components as its payment terms are less than one year, and the Company determines the terms at contract inception. The Company's sales terms do not allow for the right of return.

The following table presents the percentages of total revenue disaggregated by sales channels for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Year e	
	Decemb	per 31,
	2024	2023
Wholesale	15.2%	72.7%
Direct to consumer	84.8%	27.3%
Total revenue	100.0%	100.0%

#### **Contract Balances and Receivables**

When the Company receives pre-orders or payment from a customer prior to transferring the product under the terms of a contract, the Company records deferred revenue, which represents a contract liability. The Company will record deferred revenue when cash is collected from customers prior to the wine shipment date. The Company does not recognize revenue until control of the wine is transferred and the performance obligation is met. When the Company does not receive payment from a customer prior to or at the transfer of the product under the terms of a contract, the Company records an accounts receivable.

Contract liabilities as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and January 1, 2023 were \$1,919, \$3,407 and \$10,000, respectively. Revenue recognized in 2024 and 2023 from contract liabilities as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was \$3,407 and \$10,000, respectively.

Receivables with customers as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and January 1, 2023, were \$6,966, \$172,101 and \$259,317, respectively.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's accounting for fair value measurements of assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring or nonrecurring basis adheres to the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- · Level 1 Inputs: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible to the Company at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs: Other than quoted prices included in Level 1 inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

• Level 3 Inputs: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at measurement date.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair measurement in its entirety falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

	December 31, 2024					
		Level 1 Level 3				Total
Venu Holding Corp. (formerly known as Notes Live, Inc.)	\$	466,500	\$	_	\$	466,500
			Dec	ember 31, 2023		
		Level 1		Level 3		Total
Venu Holding Corp. (formerly known as Notes Live, Inc.)	\$	_	\$	500,000	\$	500,000

The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, deferred revenue and other financial working capital items approximate fair value at December 31, 2024 and 2023, due to the short maturity nature of these items.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with Codification Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, which requires that we recognize a current tax liability or asset for current taxes payable or refundable and a deferred tax liability or asset for the estimated future tax effects of temporary differences and carryforwards to the extent they are realizable. The Company considers future taxable income and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets at the end of each quarter. If the Company determines that it is more likely than not that we will realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of the net recorded amount over a reasonably short period of time, a reduction of the valuation allowance would increase income in the period such determination was made. Likewise, if we determine that it is more likely than not that we will not realize all or part of our net deferred tax asset in the future, an increase to the valuation allowance would be charged to income in the period such determination was made.

The Company recognizes uncertain tax positions in accordance with ASC 740 on the basis of evaluating whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. For those tax positions that meet the more-likely-than not recognition threshold, the Company recognizes the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company recognizes interest and/or penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. There were no uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2024 or 2023, and as such, no interest or penalties were recorded to income tax expense. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company has no unrecognized tax benefits. There are no unrecognized tax benefits included on the balance sheet that would, if recognized, impact the effective tax rate. The Company does not anticipate there will be a significant change in unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months.

## **Equity-Based Compensation**

The Company measures equity-based compensation cost at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and recognizes the compensation expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period. The Company recognizes any forfeitures as they occur.

The Company measures equity-based compensation when the service inception date precedes the grant date based on the fair value of the award as an accrual of equity-based compensation and adjusts the cost to fair value at each reporting date prior to the grant date. In the period in which the grant occurs, the cumulative compensation cost is adjusted to the fair value at the date of the grant.

See Note 10 for further discussion of equity-based compensation incurred in 2024 and 2023.

#### Gain on Extinguishment of Liabilities

Under ASC 405-20, the Company recognizes gains or losses arising from the extinguishment of liabilities, depending on the nature of the contract and the underlying transaction. A gain on extinguishment is considered to occur when the parties to a contract agree to terminate or modify their obligations in exchange for a negotiated payment or other consideration. Gains recognized when all performance obligations under the contract have been satisfied or legally extinguished, and the consideration paid is less than the carrying amount of any liabilities derecognized or assets transferred.

In 2024, the Company extinguished certain liabilities that resulted in a gain on extinguishment of liabilities of approximately \$758,000.

#### Advertising

The Company expenses the costs of advertising as incurred. Advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, was approximately \$343,000 and \$1.6 million, respectively.

#### Application of New or Revised Accounting Standards

Pursuant to the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act"), a company constituting an "emerging growth company" is, among other things, entitled to rely upon certain reduced reporting requirements and is eligible to take advantage of an extended transition period to comply with new or revised accounting standards applicable to public companies.

The Company is an emerging growth company and has elected to use this extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies until the earlier of the date that the Company (i) is no longer an emerging growth company or (ii) affirmatively and irrevocable opts out of the extended transition period provide in the JOBS Act.

#### **NYSE Listing Requirements**

On September 8, 2023, the Company received a written notice (the "Notice") from NYSE American stating that it was not in compliance with Section 1003(a)(ii) of the NYSE American Company Guide (the "Company Guide"), which requires a listed company that has reported losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in three of its four most recent fiscal years to maintain at least \$4 million of stockholders' equity. The Company reported stockholders' equity of approximately \$1.5 million as of December 31, 2024 and have had losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. As required by the NYSE American, the Company submitted a plan to the NYSE American on October 9, 2023 addressing actions it has taken and how it intends to regain compliance with the continued listing standards within the required 18 month period ending March 8, 2025.

On November 21, 2023, the Company received notification (the "Acceptance Letter") from NYSE American that the Company's plan to regain compliance with NYSE American's listing standards was accepted. The Acceptance Letter also stated that the Company is not in compliance with Section 1003(a)(i) of the Company Guide, which requires an issuer to have stockholders' equity of \$2.0 million or more if it has reported losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in two out of its three most recent fiscal years. NYSE American has granted the Company a plan period through March 8, 2025 to regain compliance with Sections 1003(a)(i) and (ii) of the Company Guide. If the Company is not in compliance with all continued listing standards by that date or if the Company does not make progress consistent with the plan during the plan period, the Company will be subject to delisting proceedings.

On March 10, 2025 the Company received notification that it has resolved the stockholders' equity deficiency with respect to Section 1003(a)(i) and (ii) of the NYSE American Company Guide, and that the Company is now in compliance with the NYSE American continued listing standards relating to stockholders' equity.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In November of 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, *Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses*, to provide disaggregated disclosures of specific expense categories underlying all relevant income statement expense line items on an annual and interim basis. The disclosure requirements will be applied on a prospective basis, with the option to apply it retrospectively. The effective date for the standard is for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2027. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is evaluating ASU 2024-03 to determine its impact on our financial statements.

In December of 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*, which includes amendments that enhance income tax disclosures, primarily through standardization and disaggregation of income tax rate reconciliation categories and income taxes paid by jurisdiction. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2024, with early adoption permitted, and may be applied either prospectively or retrospectively. The Company is currently evaluating ASU 2023-09 to assess the impact on our financial statement disclosures and to determine the transition method in which the new guidance will be adopted.

#### 2. LOSS PER SHARE

Basic net loss per share is determined by dividing net loss attributable to shareholders by the weighted-average shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS reflects potential dilution and is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period increased by the numbers of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if all potential common shares had been issued and were dilutive. However, potentially dilutive securities are excluded from the computation of diluted EPS to the extent that their effect is anti-dilutive. The following table shows the components of diluted shares for the years ending:

	De	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023
Numerator:				
Net loss	\$	(2,518,986)	\$	(10,615,035)
Less: dividends on preferred stock		163,055		41,867
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$	(2,682,041)	\$	(10,656,902)
Denominator:				
Basic – weighted shares outstanding		16,114,964		15,329,617
Dilutive effect from shares authorized		_		_
Diluted – weighted shares outstanding		16,114,964		15,329,617
			-	
Basic loss per share	\$	(0.17)	\$	(0.69)
Diluted loss per share	\$	(0.17)	\$	(0.69)

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, 24,824,972 and 14,748,862 potential shares have been excluded from the calculation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding as the inclusion of these shares would have an anti-dilutive effect.

#### 3. INVENTORIES

Inventories primarily include bottled wine which is carried at the lower cost (calculated using the average cost method) or net realizable value. During 2024 and 2023, the Company recorded \$0 and \$1.8 million, respectively, inventory write down to net realizable value, which is recorded in cost of revenue in the financial statements. The write-down was the result of entering into an agreement to sell products at a price that was lower than the Company's cost. The finished goods inventory at December 31, 2023 includes a valuation reserve of \$112,000. Inventories consist of the following at:

	December	December 31,		cember 31,		December 31,
	2024			2023		
Inventory – finished goods	\$	212,494	\$	337,873		

#### 4. PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER ASSETS

Prepaid expenses and other assets consist of the following at:

	Dec	December 31, 2024		
Employee advance	\$	24,000	\$	_
Prepaid marketing expenses		2,459		9,871
Prepaid insurance		7,371		33,072
Total	\$	33,830	\$	42,943

#### 5. NOTE RECEIVABLE

The Company and Amaze Software, Inc. entered into a promissory note (the "Amaze Note") effective October 28, 2024, under which the Company agreed to lend to Amaze Software, Inc. the principal sum of up to \$3.5 million to facilitate continued operations. The Amaze Note bears interest at 6.00% per annum until the closing date of the Business Combination, see Note 1. If the Business Combination did not close, the interest rate would have increased to 12% per annum from the date that negotiations ceased. The unpaid principal plus accrued interest was due and payable on the date that is 9 months after the date on which the Company or Amaze Software, Inc. provided notice to the other that negotiations had ceased if the Business Combination did not close. Provided there was no event of default, the Amaze Note would be forgiven on the date the Business Combination Agreement (detailed below) closes. The Amaze Note was secured by all of the assets of its subsidiary, Amaze Holding Company LLC. The balance of the note receivable is \$3,500,000 as of December 31, 2024. Subsequent to December 31, 2024, the Amaze Note was amended to a principal sum of up to \$4.4 million. Upon the completion of the merger in March 2025, this note receivable and related accrued interest was forgiven.

#### 6. INVESTMENTS

In December 2023, the Company made a \$500,000 investment for 50,000 shares of Class D common stock (formerly Class C common stock) of Venu Holding Corporation (formerly known as Notes Live, Inc.). The Company recorded an unrealized loss of \$33,500 bringing the investment balance to \$466,500 as of December 31, 2024. See Note 1 for further details

#### 7. ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses consist of the following at:

	De	ecember 31, 2024	December 31, 2023		
Sponsorship agreements	\$	50,000	\$	608,818	
Accrued credit card charges		9,443		7,275	
Series A Stock dividends		195,206		41,867	
Legal and professional		86,187		125,704	
Investment deposit		167,000		_	
Other accrued expenses		88,774		27,059	
Total	\$	596,610	\$	810,723	

Accrued sponsorship agreements relate to marketing contracts with unrelated parties within the sports and entertainment industry. The terms of the agreements range from two to four years with annual payments ranging from \$103,000 to \$216,000 per agreement. The total expense relating to these agreements for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, was approximately \$297,000 and \$374,000, respectively. During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Company entered into settlement agreements with two contracts, resulting in a gain on settlement of approximately \$725,000.

Accrued credit card charges primarily consist of warehouse, shipping and other operating costs paid via Company credit card as a tool for managing cashflow.

#### 8. NOTE PAYABLE

Note payable consists of the following:

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Convertible notes	600,000	_
Less: discount on convertible notes	(167,895)	_
Total convertible notes, net of discount	\$ 432,105	\$

In October 2024, the Company entered into Securities Purchase Agreements (the "Securities Purchase Agreements") with two accredited investors, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell up to an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000 of secured convertible promissory notes ("Notes") that are convertible into shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share and warrants. The Notes were issued with original issuance discount of 20%, resulting in gross proceeds of \$500,000 to the Company. The Notes bear no interest unless an event of default occurs, and mature on April 4, 2025, and are secured by all assets of the Company. The Notes may be prepaid without penalty. Each Note is convertible into common stock at a conversion price equal to \$0.40 per share.

In connection with the Securities Purchase Agreements, the Company issued warrants with an exercise period of five years to purchase up to 740,000 shares of the common stock at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share.

The Company reviewed the warrants in connection with the Securities Purchase Agreements under ASC 815 and concluded that the warrants are not in scope of ASC 480 and are not subject to the derivative guidance under ASC 815. Accordingly, the warrants were equity-classified. As such the principal value of the Notes was allocated using the relative fair value basis of all instruments. As the warrants were issued with another instrument the purchase price was allocated using the relative fair value method (i.e., warrants at its fair value and the Notes at its principal value allocated using the relative fair value of the proceeds received and applied proportionally to the equity classified warrants and Notes).

#### 8. NOTE PAYABLE (continued)

As of December 31, 2024, the Company received cash proceeds of \$500,000. As such the Company recorded the fair value of the warrants of approximately \$223,000 based on the relative value basis. The Company recorded original issue discount of approximately \$323,000.

In 2024, the Company received proceeds of \$42,500 for non-interest bearing, short-term notes payable. These notes were paid in full during 2024.

As of December 31, 2024, the Notes net of unamortized debt discount was approximately \$432,000. The Company recognized approximately \$155,000 of the amortized debt discount in interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Principal maturities of the Company's notes payable are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	 Amount
2025	\$ 600,000
2026	_
2027	_
2028	_
Total	\$ 600,000

#### 9. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### Rights offering

During the first quarter of 2023, the Company distributed, at no charge to holders of the Company's common stock, non-transferable subscription rights to purchase up to an aggregate of 6,366,129 Units. Each Unit consisted of one share of our common stock and a warrant ("Rights Offering Warrants") to purchase one share of our common stock. The Rights Offering Warrants were exercisable immediately, expire five years from the date of issuance and have an exercise price of \$1.25 per share. For each share of common stock held by a stockholder of the Company on February 22, 2023, the record date of the Rights Offering, such stockholder received 0.5 subscription rights. Each whole subscription right allowed the holder thereof to subscribe to purchase one Unit, which the Company refers to as the basic subscription right, at a subscription price of \$1.00 per Unit. In addition, any holder of subscription rights exercising his, her or its basic subscription right in full was eligible to subscribe to purchase additional Units that remained unsubscribed in the Rights Offering at the same subscription price per Unit that applied to the basic subscription right, subject to proration among participants exercising their over-subscription privilege, which the Company refers to as the over-subscription privilege. Upon the closing of the Rights Offering, which occurred on March 14, 2023, the Company issued 3,143,969 shares of common stock and 3,143,969 Rights Offering Warrants and received aggregate gross cash proceeds of approximately \$3.14 million. After deducting dealer-manager fees and other fees and expenses related to the Rights Offering, the Company received net proceeds of approximately \$2.6 million. If exercised, additional gross proceeds of up to approximately \$3.93 million may be received through the exercise of warrants issued in the Rights Offering.

## Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

On July 27, 2023, the Company filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada a Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series A Stock"), which was amended on August 1, 2023 prior to the issuance of any shares of Series A Stock by filing Amendment No. 1 thereto (as so amended, the "Certificate"). The Certificate designates 10,000 shares of the Company's undesignated preferred stock as Series A Stock and establishes the rights and preferences of Series A Stock.

On August 2, 2023, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with two accredited investors (the "Purchasers") pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell in a private placement (the "Offering") shares of Series A Stock.

#### 9. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)

Pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the Purchasers collectively agreed to purchase up to 10,000 shares of Series A Stock at a per share purchase price equal to \$100.00 (the "Stated Value"), for total gross proceeds of up to \$1.0 million. The Purchasers agreed to purchase 4,000 shares of Series A Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$400,000 at an initial closing of the Offering (the "Initial Closing"), which occurred on August 2, 2023. The Securities Purchase Agreement provided that the Company will issue and sell to the Purchasers, and the Purchasers will purchase, an additional 4,000 shares of Series A Stock at a second closing (the "Second Closing"), which occurred on September 7, 2023. The Securities Purchase Agreement provided that the Company will issue and sell to the Purchasers, and the Purchasers will purchase, an additional 2,000 shares of Series A Stock at an optional closing (the "Optional Closing"), which occurred on December 1, 2023.

Each share of Series A Stock is convertible, at any time and from time to time from and after the date of the Initial Closing at the option of the holder thereof, into the number of shares of common stock ("Conversion Shares") calculated by dividing the Stated Value by a conversion price (the "Conversion Price") of \$0.10. However, if the Company's common stock fails to continue to be listed or quoted for trading on a stock exchange, then the Conversion Price thereafter will mean the lesser of (i) \$0.10, or (ii) the closing sale price of the common stock on the trading day immediately preceding the conversion date; provided that the Conversion Price shall not be less than \$0.05 (the "Floor Price"). The Conversion Price is subject to standard adjustments based stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and the like, and the Floor Price is also subject to anti-dilution adjustments resulting from future offerings of common stock (or common stock equivalents) at a price less than the prevailing Conversion Price.

Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary (a "Liquidation"), the Holders shall (i) first be entitled to receive out of the assets, whether capital or surplus, of the Company an amount equal to 150% times the Stated Value for each share of Series A Stock before any distribution or payment shall be made to the holders of any junior securities and (ii) then be entitled to participate in the distribution of remaining assets with the holders of common stock on an as-if-converted to common stock basis (disregarding for such purposes any conversion limitations).

The Company may redeem (i) up to 75% of the issued and outstanding shares of Series A Stock for a price per share equal to 150% of the Stated Value thereof if such redemption occurs within six months from the date of issuance, and (ii) up to 50% of the issued and outstanding shares of Series A Stock for a price per share equal to 200% of the Stated Value thereof if such redemption occurs after six months but before the expiration of twelve months from the date of issuance.

Each holder of a share of Series A Stock is entitled to receive dividends payable, subject to certain conditions, in cash or shares of common stock ("Dividend Shares") valued as either (i) the then applicable Conversion Price, or (ii) 50% of the then current market price of the Company's common stock, at the dividend rate of 12% per annum. Dividends are cumulative and will be payable on July 31st of each year. If the dividend is not paid as of July 31, 2024, the dividend rate increases to 24% per annum. However, the Company may not pay dividends by issuing Dividend Shares if and to the extent that the issuance of such Dividend Shares, when added to all Conversion Shares previously issued upon prior conversions of Series A Stock and previously issued Dividend Shares (if any), would exceed the Exchange Share Cap or result in a Series A Stock holder beneficially owning shares of common stock in excess of the Individual Holder Share Cap, in each case unless the Company obtains stockholder approval for such issuances.

#### Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (continued)

The shares of Series A Stock will vote with the common stock as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Company other than any proposal to approve the issuance of shares of common stock in excess of the Exchange Share Cap or the Individual Holder Share Cap. The Preferred Shares will vote on an as-converted to common stock basis, taking into account the conversion limitations resulting from the Exchange Share Cap and the Individual Holder Share Cap, if and as applicable; however, solely for purposes of determining voting rights, the Conversion Price shall be equal to the most recent closing sale price of the common stock as of the execution and delivery of the Securities Purchase Agreement, which was \$0.47.

#### 9. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)

The issuance activity for the years ended of the Series A Stock is summarized below:

	Decemb	December 31,		December 31,
	202	24		2023
Series A Preferred Stock shares issued				10,000
Net proceeds	\$	_	\$	950,000

The Series A Stock meets the requirements for permanent equity classification as prescribed by the authoritative guidance.

The following table summarizes accrued dividends, net of amounts converted to common stock, that the Company is legally obligated to pay:

	Decem	December 31, 2024		December 31,
	20			2023
Series A Preferred Stock	\$	195,206	\$	41,867

The following activity is related to Series A converted during the years ended below:

	Year Ended De 2024	cember 31,	Year Ended December 3 2023		
Series A Preferred Stock converted shares		650	<u>-</u>	_	
Series A Preferred Stock converted	\$	65,000	\$	_	
Series A Preferred Stock dividends converted	\$	9,717	\$	_	

#### Series B Convertible Preferred Stock

On March 14, 2024, the Company filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada a Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series B Stock"). The Certificate designates 50,000 shares of the Company's undesignated preferred stock as Series B Stock and establishes the rights and preferences of Series B Stock.

During the 2024, the Company entered into multiple securities purchase agreements with accredited investors pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell in a private placement (the "Series B Offering") shares of Series B Stock.

Pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, each share of Series B Stock will have a stated value equal to \$100.00 (the "Stated Value"). As of December 31, 2024, 50,000 shares of Series B Stock had been sold for a total in gross proceeds of \$5 million.

Each share of Series B Stock shall be convertible at the option of the holder thereof into the number of shares common stock ("Conversion Shares") calculated by dividing the Stated Value by the Conversion Price (the "Conversion Ratio")(subject to the limitations described below). For such purposes, the "Conversion Price" means \$0.45. However, if the Company's common stock fails to be listed or quoted for trading on a stock exchange (currently, the NYSE American), then the "Conversion Price" thereafter will mean the lesser of (i) \$0.45, or (ii) the closing sale price of the common stock on the trading day immediately preceding the conversion date; provided that the Conversion Price shall not be less than \$0.05 (the "Floor Price"). The Conversion Price is subject to standard adjustments based stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and the like, and the Floor Price is also subject to anti-dilution adjustments resulting from future offerings of common stock (or common stock equivalents) at a price less than the prevailing Floor Price

Except for stock dividends or distributions for which adjustments are to be made pursuant to antidilution provisions of the Certificate, holders of Series B Stock shall be entitled to receive dividends on shares of Series B Stock equal (on an as-if-converted-to-Common-Stock basis) to and in the same form as dividends actually paid on shares of the common stock when, as and if such dividends are paid on shares of the common stock.

#### 9. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)

The Company may redeem (i) up to 75% of the issued and outstanding Series B Preferred Shares for a price per share equal to 150% of the Stated Value thereof if such redemption occurs within six months from the date of issuance, and (ii) up to 50% of the issued and outstanding Series B Preferred Shares for a price per share equal to 200% of the Stated Value thereof if such redemption occurs after six months but before the expiration of twelve months from the date of issuance.

The Series B Stock will vote with the common stock and the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Company other than any proposal to approve the issuance of shares of common stock upon the conversion of Series B Stock in excess of the Exchange Share Cap or the Individual Holder Share Cap. The shares of Series B Stock will vote on an as-converted to common stock basis, taking into account the conversion limitations resulting from the Exchange Share Cap and the Individual Holder Share Cap, if and as applicable; however, solely for purposes of determining voting rights, the Conversion Price with respect to each share of Series B Stock shall be equal to the most recent closing sale price of the common stock as of the execution and delivery of the securities purchase agreement or other subscription or similar agreement pursuant to which such share of Series B Stock was issued by the Company.

The Company previously engaged The Oak Ridge Financial Services Group, Inc. to serve as a financial advisor to the Company in connection with capital raising activities. In connection with the Series B Offering, the Company has agreed to pay the Oak Ridge a cash fee equal to 8.0% of the gross proceeds received by the Company in the Offering, in addition to reimbursing Oak Ridge for its out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, the Company issued to Oak Ridge (or its designee) seven-year warrants to purchase up to a total of 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price equal to \$0.50 per share. In 2024, the total offering costs in connection with Series B issuances totaled approximately \$201,000.

The issuance activity of the Series B Stock is summarized below:

	Year E	Year Ended December 31,		d December 31,	
		2024		2023	
Series B Preferred Stock shares issued		50,000	<u>,                                      </u>	_	
Net proceeds	\$	4,751,137	\$	_	

The Series B Stock meets the requirements for permanent equity classification as prescribed by the authoritative guidance.

#### **Preferred Stock Liquidation Rights**

Preferred stock carries certain preference rights related to both the payment of dividends and as to payments upon liquidation in preference to any other class or series of capital stock of the Company. As of December 31, 2024, the liquidation preference of the preferred stock is based on the following order: first, Series B with a preference value of \$7,500,000, and second, Series A with a preference value of \$1,597,706, which includes cumulative accrued unpaid dividends of \$195,206. As of December 31, 2023, the liquidation preference of the preferred stock is based on the following order: first, Series A with a preference value of \$1,541,867, which includes cumulative accrued unpaid dividends of \$41,867.

## 10. EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION

#### Restricted Stock Units

On April 24, 2023, the Company granted 319,023 restricted stock units to its Chief Executive Officer. On May 11, 2023, the Company granted 170,958 restricted stock units to its Executive Vice President Sales and Marketing. On May 25, 2023, the Company granted 124,902 restricted stock units to its Chief Financial Officer. These restricted stock units had a vesting period that coincided with the Company filing its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 and had a stipulation that each of the executives attained performance objectives. These employees terminated during the third quarter of 2023 and therefore the stock units were forfeited. There were no restricted stock units awarded in 2024.

#### Restricted Stock Units (continued)

Restricted stock unit activity as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 was as follows

	Number of RSUs	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)
Outstanding at December 31, 2022		_
Granted	614,883	0.86
Forfeited	(614,883)	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2023		
Granted		_
Forfeited	_	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	<u> </u>	_

#### Shares of Restricted Stock

In January 2023, there was a grant of 500,000 shares of restricted stock which related to a consulting arrangement entered into in connection with the settlement reached with a previous employee. Total equity-based compensation expense related to these shares of restricted stock was \$565,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

On April 24, 2023, the Company granted 463,917 shares of restricted stock to its Chief Executive Officer. On May 11, 2023, the Company granted 380,952 shares of restricted stock to its Executive Vice President Sales and Marketing. On May 25, 2023, the Company granted 196,463 shares of restricted stock to its Chief Financial Officer. All shares of restricted stock granted on April 24, 2023, May 11, 2023 and May 25, 2023 were forfeited and canceled during the third quarter of 2023.

In April 2023, the Company Board of Directors were granted a total of 100,000 shares of restricted stock. Total equity-based compensation expense related to these shares of restricted stock was \$39,510 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Restricted stock activity for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 was as follows:

	Number of Shares of Restricted Stock	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)
Outstanding at December 31, 2022	6,666	0.90
Granted	1,641,332	0.57
Vested or released	(570,000)	_
Forfeited	(1,057,998)	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2023	20,000	0.00
Granted		
Vested or released	(20,000)	_
Forfeited	_	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2024		

## 10. EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION (continued)

## Vendor Stock Awards

Vendor stock award activity subject to revenue-related performance objectives during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 was as follows:

	Number of Shares of Vendor Stock Awards	Weighted Average Remaining Vesting Term (Years)
Outstanding at December 31, 2022	1,030,000	2.25
Granted	_	_
Vested or released	_	_
Forfeited	_	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2023	1,030,000	1.25
Granted		_
Vested or released	<del>-</del>	_
Forfeited	(1,030,000)	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2024		_

## Stock Options

Stock option activity for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 was as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)
Outstanding at December 31, 2022	1,574,892	\$ 9.67	8.98
Granted	1,500,000	0.50	5.00
Exercised	_	_	_
Forfeited	(2,628,333)	 _	
Outstanding at December 31, 2023	446,559	\$ 8.88	8.08
Granted		 _	
Exercised	_	_	_
Forfeited	(376,667)	_	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	69,892	\$ 3.04	7.67
Exercisable at December 31, 2024	69,892	\$ 3.04	7.67

Equity-based compensation expense totaling \$6,259 and \$112,040 has been recognized relating to these stock options during 2024 and 2023, respectively. The total unrecognized equity-based compensation expense was \$0 and \$6,259 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### 10. EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION (continued)

#### Warrants

As disclosed in Note 9, 3,143,969 warrants were granted as part of the Rights Offering in March 2023. Also noted in Note 9, 300,000 warrants were granted in March 2024 to our financial advisor and placement agent in connection with our offering and sale of Series B Preferred Stock. In 2024 the Company issued 740,000 warrants in connection with the convertible notes described in Note 8.

As of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the warrants to purchase common shares of the Company outstanding were as follows:

				Weighted Average
			Weighted	Remaining Contractual
	Number of Warrants		Average Exercise Price	Contractual Term (Years)
Outstanding at December 31, 2022	110,000	\$	12.00	3.71
Granted	3,143,969	-	1.25	5.00
Vested or released	<u> </u>		_	_
Forfeited	<del>-</del>		_	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2023	3,253,969	\$	1.61	4.16
Granted	1,040,000		0.43	5.20
Vested or released	_		_	_
Forfeited	_		_	_
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	4,293,969	\$	1.33	3.65

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of equity-based awards. The inputs for the Black-Scholes valuation model require management's significant assumptions. Prior to the Company's IPO, the price per share of common stock was determined by the Company's board based on recent prices of common stock sold in private offerings. Subsequent to the IPO, the price per share of common stock is determined by using the closing market price on the New York Stock Exchange on the grant date. The risk-free interest rate is based on the rate for U.S. Treasury securities at the date of grant with maturity dates approximately equal to the expected life at the grant date. The expected term for employee and nonemployee awards ranged from 5 to 10 years based on industry data, vesting period, contractual period, among other factors. The expected volatility was estimated at 75% based on historical volatility information of peer companies that are publicly available in combination with the Company's calculated volatility since being publicly traded. The Company does not expect to pay dividends. For awards with a performance condition, stock compensation is recognized over the requisite service period if it is probably that the performance condition will be satisfied.

#### 11. INCOME TAXES

Components of the provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	20	124	2023
Current	\$	<u> </u>	
Deferred		_	_
Total	\$	<u> </u>	

No income tax benefit was recorded for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 due to net losses and recognition of a valuation allowance. The following table presents a reconciliation of the tax expense computed at the statutory federal rate and the Company's tax expense for the years ending December 31:

#### 11. INCOME TAXES (continued)

	2024			2023		
Tax expense (benefit) at statutory rate	\$	(532,000)	21.0%	\$	(2,229,000)	21.0%
State income tax expense (benefit), net of federal tax effect		(64,000)	2.5%		(377,000)	3.6%
Change in valuation allowance on deferred tax assets		620,000	-24.5%		2,360,000	-22.2%
Stock award forfeiture		_	— %		440,000	-4.3%
Change in deferred tax rate		22,000	-0.9%		(102,000)	1.0%
Return to provision adjustments		(46,000)	1.8%		(92,000)	0.9%
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$	_	0.0%	\$	_	0.0%

Deferred income taxes reflect the net effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The Company's deferred tax assets relate primarily to its net operating loss carryforwards and other balance sheet basis differences. In accordance with ASC 740, "Income Taxes," the Company recorded a valuation allowance to fully offset the net deferred tax asset, because it is more likely than not that the Company will not realize future benefits associated with these deferred tax assets at December 31, 2024 and 2023. The tax effects of temporary differences and carryforwards that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets are as follows:

	De	cember 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	
Deferred tax assets:				
Deferred revenue	\$	_	\$	1,000
Amortization		1,000		1,000
Stock based compensation		117,000		120,000
Net operating losses		6,442,000		5,686,000
Inventory reserve		_		27,000
Accrued expenses		285,000		407,000
Allowance for bad debt and credit losses		3,000		_
Unrealized loss on investments		8,000		_
Prepaid expenses		(2,000)		(8,000)
Valuation allowance		(6,854,000)		(6,234,000)
Net deferred tax assets:	\$	_	\$	_

At December 31, 2024, the Company had federal and state net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$27.2 million and \$10.5 million, respectively. At December 31, 2023, the Company had federal and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$23.9 million and \$9.1 million, respectively. The net operating loss carry forwards have no expiration.

The Company recognizes uncertain tax positions in accordance with ASC 740 on the basis of evaluating whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. For those tax positions that meet the more-likely-than not recognition threshold, we recognize the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company has no unrecognized tax benefits. There are no unrecognized tax benefits included on the balance sheet that would, if recognized, impact the effective tax rate. The Company does not anticipate there will be a significant change in unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months.

The Company is subject to U.S. federal or state income tax examinations. The Company's federal, state and local income tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for the three years after the returns are filed, and the Company's federal, state, and local income tax returns for 2023, 2022 and 2021 remain open to examination. Prior to the Company's December 2021 conversion to a corporation, the Company was a limited liability company and therefore was a disregarded legal entity for income tax purposes. The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as a component of general and administrative expense.

#### 12. SUPPLIER AND CUSTOMER CONCENTRATION

The Company has an agreement with an unrelated party for various wine making activities, including production, bottling, labelling, and packaging. The Company pays certain storage, administrative fees and taxes related to the purchased goods. There is no specified term of the agreement but continues as additional blanket sales orders are issued. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, substantially all of the Company's inventory purchases were from this supplier.

The Company also engages with other suppliers for the purchase of a select varietal of wine to be offered in limited quantities. There are no formal agreements due to the infrequency of activity with these suppliers.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, 80% of the Company's wholesale revenue came from four customers and these customers accounted for 25% of accounts receivable at December 31, 2024. A significant portion of the Company's wholesale revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 comes from three national distributor customers that operate in several markets and makes up 74% of the Company's wholesale revenue. These customers accounted for 73% of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2023.

#### 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### License agreements

During March 2021, the Company entered into two license agreements with certain equity investors for marketing and advertising services. These two agreements were terminated during the third quarter of 2023 and the remaining prepaid license fee was expensed. The net expense relating to the agreements was \$0 and \$1,000,500 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there was \$309,333 outstanding under these agreements. The Company has not yet had sufficient time to complete its initial accounting for this business combination, including the assessments of the acquisition-date fair values of consideration transferred, assets acquired, and liabilities assumed.

#### 14. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

#### **Timothy Michaels**

On February 24, 2022, Timothy Michaels, the former Chief Operating Officer of the Company, signed a Separation Agreement and Release (the "Separation Agreement") in connection with the termination of his employment with the Company, which occurred on February 7, 2022.

On May 27, 2022, Mr. Michaels filed a complaint against the Company in the Fourth Judicial District Court, Hennepin County, Minnesota, alleging that the Company breached the February 24, 2022 Separation Agreement by including a restricted "lock-up" legend on shares of the Company's common stock issued to Mr. Michaels pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. The complaint also included counts alleging breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, issuer liability under Minn. Stat. § 336.8-401 for delay in removing or directing the Company's transfer agent to remove the lock-up legend from the shares, conversion and civil theft.

The Company made a motion seeking dismissal of the conversion and civil theft counts, which was granted by the Fourth Judicial District Court, Hennepin County, Minnesota on October 31, 2022. On August 9, 2023, the Company moved for summary judgment on Mr. Michaels' remaining claims. A jury trial commenced on January 23, 2024. During trial, on January 24, 2024, the Company filed a motion for judgement in favor of the Company as a matter of law, which was denied by the Court. On January 25, 2024, the jury in the lawsuit rendered a verdict against the Company awarding damages to Mr. Michaels in the amount of \$585,976.25. On February 22, 2024, the Company filed a renewed motion for post-verdict judgment in favor of the Company as a matter of law. On February 26, 2024, the Judge in the lawsuit denied the renewed motion for post-verdict judgment. On March 25, 2024, Mr. Michaels filed a Notice and Application for Taxation of Costs and Disbursements. On March 26, 2024, the Company filed its Notice of Appeal. On March 26, 2024, Mr. Michaels served a motion for Pre-verdict and Prejudgment Interest. On March 27, 2024, a Notice of Entry of Judgment was filed and, on March 28, 2024, a Notice of Docketing of Judgment was entered. Mr. Michaels has commenced garnishment proceedings against certain of the Company's bank accounts and other third parties in an attempt to collect on the judgment and such proceedings remain pending. The Company appealed the verdict and the court of appeals affirmed the judgment in February 2025, which granted approximately \$22,000 in additional damages to Mr. Michaels. On March 12, 2025, the Company petitioned the supreme court for review and is awaiting the supreme court's decision on its petition. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, \$484,735 and \$585,976, respectively, was accrued as a settlement payable.

#### 15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### Series D Preferred Stock

On March 7, 2025, the Company filed a Certificate of Designation of the Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Certificate") with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, designating 750,000 shares of preferred stock as Series D Preferred Stock.

#### Agreement and Plan of Merger with Amaze Software, Inc.

On March 7, 2025, the Company completed the acquisition of Amaze Software, Inc. (the Acquisition"), pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of March 7, 2024 (the "Merger Agreement") by and among the Company, Amaze Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), Amaze Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Amaze"), the stockholders of Amaze, and Aaron Day, solely in his capacity as the Holders' Representative (the "Holders' Representative"). Amaze is an end-to-end, creator-powered commerce platform offering tools for seamless product creation, advanced e-commerce solutions, and scalable managed services.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, (i) Merger Sub merged with and into Amaze (the "Merger") with Amaze as the surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and (ii) the aggregate merger consideration paid by the Company in connection with the acquisition included 750,000 shares of the Company's Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series D Preferred Stock"), plus warrants (the "Merger Warrants") to purchase an aggregate of 8,750,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock").

#### NYSE American Listing Requirements

On January 6, 2025, NYSE American notified the Company that it is not in compliance with Section 704 of the NYSE American Company Guide, because the Company failed to hold an annual meeting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 by December 31, 2024. The Company intends to hold an annual meeting of stockholders in the next several months after the date of this report.

On March 10, 2025 the Company received notification that it has resolved the stockholders' equity deficiency with respect to Section 1003(a)(i) and (ii) of the NYSE American Company Guide, and that the Company is now in compliance with the NYSE American continued listing standards relating to stockholders' equity.

#### Note Receivable

Effective March 7, 2025, the Company and Amaze Software, Inc. amended the Forgivable Promissory Note dated October 28, 2024 (the "Original Amaze Note") to reflect an increase in the principal amount of the Original Amaze Note, and to permit forgiveness of the total principal amount of \$4,400,000 and accrued interest thereon as a result of the closing of the Acquisition. Upon the completion of the merger in March 2025, this note receivable and related accrued interest was forgiven.

#### Name Change

Effective March 24, 2025, pursuant to a Certificate of Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation, the Company changed its name to Amaze Holdings, Inc.

## Series C Preferred Stock

On March 25, 2025, the Company filed a Certificate of Designation of the of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, designating 100,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, as Series C Preferred Stock. These shares have a purchase price of \$100.00 per share, plus warrants to purchase common stock, par value \$0.001 per share at an exercise price of \$0.75 per share in a private placement. The Company intends to use the proceeds for general corporate and working capital purposes. As of March 28, 2025, the Company has entered into securities purchase agreements with certain purchasers for the purchase of a total of 5,650 shares of Series C Stock for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$565,000.

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements of Amaze Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Fresh Vine Wine, Inc.) on Form S-8 (No. 333-262906) and Form S-1 (No. 333-269082) of our report dated March 31, 2025 relating to the financial statements of Amaze Holdings, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2024 appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

/s/ Wipfli LLP Minneapolis, Minnesota March 31, 2025

#### CERTIFICATION

- I, Michael Pruitt, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this annual on Form 10-K of Amaze Holdings, Inc.;
- 2.Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3.Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4.The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15-d-15 (e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
- (a)Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b)Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c)Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- (d)Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5.The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 31, 2025 /s/ Michael Pruitt

Michael Pruitt

Interim Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

#### CERTIFICATION

- I, Keith Johnson, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this annual on Form 10-K of Amaze Holdings, Inc.;
- 2.Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3.Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4.The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15-d-15 (e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
- (a)Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b)Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c)Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- (d)Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5.The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 31, 2025 /s/ Keith Johnson

Keith Johnson

Interim Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

## CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Amaze Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2024 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Michael Pruitt, Interim Chief Executive Officer, and I, Keith Johnson, Interim Chief Financial Officer, of the Company, certify, pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. § 1350, that to our knowledge:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m); and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: March 31, 2025

/s/ Michael Pruitt

Michael Pruitt

Interim Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Keith Johnson

Keith Johnson

Interim Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)