

Bartholomew Estate Winery Announces New Wine Release with Community Donation

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Sonoma, Calif. May 7, 2021 – Bartholomew Estate Winery, in celebration of its second anniversary of opening in Bartholomew Park, announced today the inaugural release of Bart's Calling Cabernet Sauvignon. Inspired by Frank "Bart" and Antonia Bartholomew, founders of Bartholomew Park, the winery feels called to give back to the community and this wine was created to answer that call. Five dollars from the sale of each bottle of 2019 Bart's Calling Cabernet will be donated to the Sonoma Community Center to support the Center's scholarship program, so that all member of the community can participate in, contribute to, and benefit from the Center's rich programming and experiences.

"For this 2019 vintage, we chose the Sonoma Community Center as the recipient of our donation when we learned of the overwhelming need within the community for accessible and engaging programs during the pandemic, and that not all segments of the community were being reached." said Anna Pope, Bartholomew Estate Winery co-founder and trustee of the Frank H. Bartholomew Foundation.

Steve MacRostie, president of the Sonoma Community Center Board of Directors added, "We launched our scholarship program to make sure that people from all walks of life and economic circumstances can participate in our world-class programming and contribute their unique creative voices to our vibrant Sonoma Valley community. This donation from Bartholomew Estate is the perfect springboard to help launch our fundraising efforts to ensure the success and growth of our scholarship program."

Coincidentally, in 1974, Steve MacRostie was hired, fresh out of UC Davis, as the winemaker for the Bartholomew's second winery – Hacienda Winery – established in the old Sonoma Valley Hospital building that is now Bartholomew Estate Winery's home. The Bartholomews created Hacienda after they sold their Buena Vista Winery, which they resurrected, rebuilt, and

operated from 1946 to 1968. Further, Kevin Holt, Bartholomew Estate's winemaker and co-founder, was MacRostie's winemaker at his eponymous winery for nearly 10 years.

Sourced from the organically farmed Bartholomew Estate vineyards, Bart's Calling Cabernet Sauvignon is sold exclusively at the winery for \$44 per bottle. It was recently awarded 93 points and a gold medal at the North Coast Wine Challenge. Not only is it a wonderful addition to the dinner table, but it can also be enjoyed in Bartholomew Park. Bring a picnic and make it a day. Moreover, the proceeds from the non-profit Foundation's ownership in the winery go directly to support Bartholomew Park, making Bart's Calling a delicious donation you can drink!

About Bartholomew Estate Winery

With its first vineyard planted in 1832, the Bartholomew Estate Winery site is storied and multifaceted. A visit to the timeline on the winery's website (<https://www.bartholomewestate.com/historic-estate/>) helps to connect the dots. Bartholomew Estate Winery opened its doors on April 27, 2019 as a new winery in the heart of the 375-acre Bartholomew Park in Sonoma Valley, California. Bartholomew Estate was founded by Anna Pope, trustee of the Frank H. Bartholomew Foundation (owner and operator of the non-profit Bartholomew Park), and noted winemaker, Kevin Holt, to honor the legacy of Frank and Antonia Bartholomew. In 1943, the Bartholomews purchased the property at auction, only to discover that it was the birthplace of California viticulture, the center of Count Agoston Harazthy's Rancho Buena Vista containing the sites of his residence, original winery, and vineyards. Today, Bartholomew Estate Winery continues the Bartholomews' calling to create exquisite wines from the iconic location, to share information on California winemaking and viticulture and to support Bartholomew Park, an incomparable community treasure.

About the Sonoma Community Center

Housed in the beautiful 107-year-old Sonoma Grammar School building just off Sonoma Plaza, the Sonoma Community Center was founded in 1953 as a resource for community enrichment through the arts. Today, the mission of the Sonoma Community Center is to cultivate a vibrant community through extraordinary creative, cultural, and learning experiences. Driven by values of community, innovation, creativity, inclusion, and leadership, the Center offers a broad range of classes, events and performances that encourage people from all walks of life to create, connect, thrive, and build community together.

Bartholomew Estate Winery (<http://bartholomewestate.com>)

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