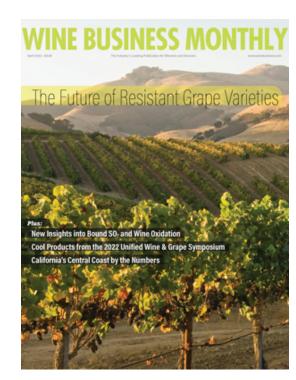


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**Press Release** 

## Bartholomew Estate Winery Supports sonoma community center scholarships

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Sonoma, Calif. – Bartholomew Estate Winery gave an initial donation of \$5000 from the sale of their bottles of 2019 Bart's Calling Cabernet Sauvignon to the Sonoma Community Center. The donation benefits the Community Center's scholarship program.

The inaugural release of Bart's Calling Cabernet Sauvignon was 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 goes to the Sonoma Community Center to support the Center's scholarship program, so that more members 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.

"Scholarships lie at the heart of the Center's commitment to diversity, equity, and access – because they ensure that an inability to pay never has to keep someone from participating in our high-quality programs," said Charlotte Hajer, Sonoma Community Center executive director. She added, "In the wake of the pandemic, and the toll it's taken on our bodies and minds, all of us – more than ever – need opportunities for creativity and connection. In partnership with Bartholomew Estate, we're proud to make such opportunities accessible to everyone in the Sonoma Valley, regardless of their income."

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 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.

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 helps to connect the dots. Bartholomew Estate Winery opened its doors on April 27, 2019 as a new winery in the

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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.

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.

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