

WINE NOTES

Beckstoffer named grower of the year

Andy Beckstoffer of Beckstoffer Vineyards will receive the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Grower of the Year award at organization's dinner in St. Helena Friday.

The award recognizes an individual who exhibits unparalleled leadership agricultural, best practices and innovation, industry advocacy and community involvement.

"Andy's commitment to land stewardship, dedication to vineyard technology and ongoing efforts to elevate the social, political and economic status of grapegrowers in the Napa Valley has made him a role model in the wine industry and the community," said Jennifer Kopp, executive director of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers.

Beckstoffer, whose Napa Valley grapegrowing career spans more than three decades, was an original founder of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers, a long-time director, and is a current advisor of the association. Most recently, he initiated and chaired the group's Historic

Vineyard Registry project and its highly successful Hang Time seminar series.

Beckstoffer Vineyards supports sustainable grapegrowing and has been at the forefront of community-based projects with the Napa County Resource Conservation District. A leader of land preservation, he has donated conservation easements to the Land Trust of Napa County on his 40-acre Beckstoffer Vineyard X and his 44-acre Carneros Creek Vineyard. Over time, he will donate easements on 900 of his 1,000 acres of Napa Valley vineyard land. */Register*



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