

## SONOMA VALLEY VINTNERS & GROWERS FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS BENEFIT LOCAL STUDENTS

## \$24,400 in Scholarship Funds Awarded to College-Bound Children of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard Employees

SONOMA, Calif. (May 11, 2015) – The Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation (SVVGF) awarded \$24,400 in scholarship funds to the college bound children of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard employees. Over the past twenty one years, the SVVGF has awarded just under \$250,000 to deserving students who have at least one parent employed by a winery or vineyard within the Sonoma Valley region.

This year's scholarship recipients and their affiliations include:

Mia Castro, Sonoma Valley High School – Beltane Ranch
Sara Chavez, Sonoma Valley High School – Carneros Vineyard Management
Thomas Crumly, Sonoma Valley High School – Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards
Cutler Price, Cardinal Newman High School – Ravenswood Winery
Nina Sheridan, Choate Rosemary Hall – Chateau St. Jean
Ciara Smith, Sonoma Valley High School – Benziger Family Winery
Ashley Trejo, Sonoma Academy
Wyatt Williams, Santa Rosa Junior College – St. Francis Winery & Vineyards

SVVGF Scholarship Committee: Brian Shepard, Chair – Jack London Vineyard; Jeff Bundschu – Gundlach Bundschu Winery; Danny Fay - Envolve Winery; Pat Stornetta – Leveroni Vineyards; and Tish Ward.

About the Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation (SVVGF) The Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance (SVVGA) is a unique non-profit organization. Hundreds of vintners and growers share a mission to promote Sonoma Valley wines and grapes, support cooperation and collaboration among vintners and growers, and develop community awareness of the industry. In 21 years, the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction, produced by the Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation, has raised over \$16 million to benefit Sonoma Valley charities. For more information on the SVVGA, please call 707-935-0803 or visit www.SonomaValleyWine.com.