



**Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association  
Supports Angwin Volunteer Fire Department with Event and Donation**

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Angwin, CA – Out of support for the local community and in direct response to the recent fires throughout the valley, the Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association (HMOVGA) made a \$12,000 cash donation to the Angwin Volunteer Fire Department. The donation was raised through a consumer wine tasting event coordinated by the HMOVGA, the *Howell Mountain Harvest Tasting*, where 30 HMOVGA member wineries poured and 350+ consumers came out to support the cause.

All proceeds from the event silent auction lots, which included wine and wine tasting experiences donated by HMOVGA member wineries, as well as WalrusWear golf shirts, donated by Craig Stadler, professional golfer and wine lover, went directly to the Angwin Volunteer Fire Department. The HMOVGA recognizes the need to support those who serve the local community when they need them most. The donation was made without restriction and will be used as needed by the fire department.

In 2017, the Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association also donated over \$61,000 to the Howell Mountain Education Foundation which channels the money where needed most into the Howell Mountain Elementary School. This is a long-standing tradition of support of the school by the wine industry on the mountain and will continue in 2018 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Taste of Howell Mountain.

On Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the Taste of Howell Mountain will be held at Charles Krug Winery in St. Helena. The event will feature a wine tasting of Howell Mountain appellation wines along with a silent and live auction. The public is invited to this leisurely and pleasurable afternoon under the sun and trees, sipping wine, enjoying friends and fellow wine lovers in a gorgeous setting. The event begins at 12:00 p.m. with walk-around wine tasting and silent auction with the live auction following at 3:00 p.m. People come from all over the world to enjoy this rare event when all the winemakers of Howell Mountain make their products available to the public.

Tickets are now available online at [www.HowellMountain.org](http://www.HowellMountain.org) or by calling 707-965-2665. Price is \$150 per person in advance...buy now as tickets will sell out. For more information on the Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers or the Taste of Howell Mountain, please contact Executive Director, Sam Peters, at [sampeters\\_hmvga@live.com](mailto:sampeters_hmvga@live.com) or 707-965-2665.