



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,**

#### **Honors and Congratulates Shone Farm, Santa Rosa Junior College as**

#### **Sonoma County Harvest Fair 2025 Award of Excellence in Local Food Production Recipient**

**Whereas,** the Sonoma County Harvest Fair, created in 1975, is a signature nationally and locally recognized event showcasing the extraordinary wine, food and agriculture in Sonoma County bringing people to the region to celebrate the harvest season; and

**Whereas,** annually the Sonoma County Harvest Fair honors outstanding members of the Sonoma County agricultural community to be recognized for their contributions to the preservation and enhancement of farming in Sonoma County; and

**Whereas,** Santa Rosa Junior College's Shone Farm is a 365-acre outdoor classroom, or "living lab" located in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley; and

**Whereas,** during World War II, the property served as a military listening post. In 1972, the federal government declared the land surplus, and it was acquired by Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC); and

**Whereas,** Shone Farm is named in honor of Robert Shone, longtime agricultural leader, SRJC trustee, and former president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, the farm is one of the largest agricultural education sites in the California Community Colleges system; and

**Whereas,** Shone Farm provides students with valuable real-world experience across a variety of agricultural science disciplines, including sustainable agriculture, viticulture, wine production and

business, natural resource management, horticulture, forestry, and animal science. The farm also supports numerous programs in the SRJC system, including botany, ecology and culinary arts; and

**Whereas,** Shone Farm features vineyards, forests, pastures, gardens, livestock facilities and wine production. At Shone Farm, students grow and produce a variety of food items sold commercially and manage commercial-scale crop production from planting through sale. This includes award-winning wine, olive oil, dried goods, pasture-raised meats and seasonal produce; and

**Whereas,** Shone Farm is an integral part of the community hosting the popular Fall Festival, Holiday Open House and the Spring Plant Sale, with the community's backing, Shone Farm has thrived for over 50 years.

**Now therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate the Shone Farm, Santa Rosa Junior College, the Sonoma County Harvest Fair's 2025 Award of Excellence in Local Food Production recipient and offers sincere gratitude to the SRJC for the ongoing contributions to the preservation and enhancement of farming in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**