



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Recognizing Francis Ford Coppola Winery for their Community Contributions**

**Whereas**, in 2006, when legendary film maker, Francis Ford Coppola and his wife Eleanor purchased the Chateau Souverain property in Geyserville, they had already established themselves in the wine world, having restored the historic and storied Inglenook property and brand in Napa Valley.

**Whereas**, with a passion for wine, food and adventure and a vision to create a “wine wonderland” perfect for all members of the family, the Francis Ford Coppola Winery brought a winery experience unlike any other. Today that experience comes complete with movie props from Coppola’s famous films, unique dining experiences, and a large swimming pool, all set amongst Alexander Valley’s beautiful vineyards. Coppola produces wines from 340 total acres of vineyards across Oregon and California and is home to multiple Sonoma County brands, including Director’s Cut, Archimedes, Eleanor and Virginia Dare.

**Whereas**, Coppola has been instrumental in sustainability leadership here in Sonoma County, having produced their quality wines through environmentally friendly practices for over 40 years. Francis and Eleanor are personally passionate about sustainability and preserving their land for future generations of the family, focusing on continual improvement in their sustainable practices.

**Whereas**, the winery and all surrounding estate vineyards are certified sustainable by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance as well as Fish Friendly Farming. Due to these efforts, Coppola was awarded one of the Wine Institute’s 2017 California Green Medal Awards for Leadership in sustainability as well as the 2017 Harvest Fair award for “Sustainable Producer” from Sonoma County Winegrowers.

**Whereas**, the Francis Ford Coppola winery has also been instrumental in supporting the sustainability goals of the county, being one of the first wineries to pay growers a premium for certified sustainable winegrapes. This community-minded approach has benefitted local growers, as well as enabled the region to position itself as the most sustainable wine region.

**And Whereas**, Francis Ford Coppola winery's commitment to sustainable winegrowing in their own business as well as the community at large has been a great benefit to Sonoma County agriculture.

**So, Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Sonoma recognize the community contributions of Francis Ford Coppola winery.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:                      Zane:                      Gore:                      Hopkins:                      Gorin:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**