



VINTNERS & GROWERS

**SONOMA VALLEY VINTNERS & GROWERS ALLIANCE
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS BENEFIT LOCAL STUDENTS**

**\$5,000 in Scholarship Funds Awarded to College-Bound Children
Of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard Employees**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SONOMA, Calif. (June 30, 2009) – The Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance (SVVGA) awarded \$5,000 in Scholarship funds to the college bound children of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard employees. Over the past six years, the SVVGA has awarded more than \$35,000 to deserving high school seniors who have at least one parent employed by a winery or vineyard within the Sonoma Valley appellation.

This year's graduates and their affiliations include:

Karyna Avina, Moon Mountain Vineyard

Dylan Hamilton, Ravenswood Winery

Jacquelyn Little, Little Vineyards Family Winery

Michael Mulas, Mulas Family Vineyards

Jameson Christopher Poppic Reeves, Benziger Family Winery

Jessica Schimm, Muscardini Cellars

Shelly Tolbert, Amapola Creek Winery

About the Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance (SVVGA) 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 16 years, the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction, produced by the Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance, has raised over \$6 million to benefit Sonoma Valley charities. For more information on the SVVGA, please call 707-935-0803 or visit www.SonomaValleyWine.com.