



VINTNERS & GROWERS

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

**\$17,700 in Scholarship Funds Awarded to College-Bound Children
Of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard Employees**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SONOMA, Calif. (May 24, 2010) – The Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation (SVVGF) awarded \$17,700 in Scholarship funds to the college bound children of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard employees. This year, additional matching funds were provided by American AgCredit, Muscardini Cellars, MacLeod Family Winery, Enterprise Vineyards and Sangiacomo Vineyards allowing for the largest total scholarship amount to date. Over the past seven years, the SVVGF has awarded more than \$65,000 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:

Yeny Cardona, Kunde Family Estate
Ellen Everidge, Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery
Zachary Henney, Kenwood Vineyards
Mackenzie Mackling, Kunde Family Estate
Even MacLeod, MacLeod Family Winery
Nell Praetzel, Cline Cellars
Johanna Rivas, Sangiacomo Vineyards
Josefina Santoyo, Enterprise Vineyards
Robert Schimm, Muscardini Cellars

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 16 years, the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction, produced by the Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation, 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.