



VINTNERS & GROWERS

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

**\$15,300 in Scholarship Funds Awarded to College-Bound Children
Of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard Employees**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SONOMA, Calif. (May 18, 2011) – The Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation (SVVGF) awarded \$15,300 in Scholarship funds to the college bound children of Sonoma Valley Winery or Vineyard employees. This year, additional matching funds were provided by Mayo Family Winery, Ceja Vineyards, Sangiacomo Vineyards, MacRostie Winery and Vineyards, GlenLyon Vineyards & Winery, Benziger Family Winery and Leveroni Vineyards. Over the past eight years, the SVVGF has awarded more than \$80,000 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:

Alec Berthoud, Mayo Family Winery

Elizet Ceja, Ceja Vineyards, Sangiacomo Vineyards, Macrostie Winery and Vineyards

Tyler Henney, Kenwood Vineyards

Marissa O'Connell, GlenLyon Vineyards & Winery

Francisco Soto-Pomeroy, Benziger Family Winery

Mia Stornetta, Leveroni Vineyards

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 19 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.