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# GOODWILL DRINKING

Knowing you're helping others makes finding an excuse to raise a glass easier than ever.

BY DANA BERGMANN

When it comes to good things, Wine Country is bursting at the seams. From Michelin-starred restaurants to luxury hotels and award-winning wineries, Napa and Sonoma Counties have earned a reputation for doing many things well. But something even more recent has been growing for years, albeit largely unnoticed, and that would remain just vineyard-covered hillsides.

Wineries big and small have been spreading change, making wine not simply to win love and awards, but to raise money and awareness for worthy causes. Not one to slow-roll when it comes to giving, Wine Country's charitable side never sleeps much longer—until last October, when one of the most destructive fires in California history ravaged predominantly residential areas in Sonoma and Napa Counties. Helping Northern Californians impacted by the wildfires became a priority as one was going to keep quiet about...



Left: Buena Vista Winery winemaker Brian Maloney and proprietor Jean-Charles Bolset with the full lineup of Buena Vista wines, including the Sheriff of Buena Vista (sixth from left).

## Wines With a Cause

Wine Country's charitable giving isn't limited to events. Wineries throughout Napa and Sonoma Counties support an assortment of causes by doing what they do best: making wine.

### Bee's Box Wines, Francis Ford Coppola Winery and Virginia Dare Winery

The idea behind Bee's Box Wines is simple: Buy a bottle, save a bee. Launched last summer by The Family Coppola wines, the line donates 10 percent of its proceeds to bee-friendly nonprofit Pollinator Partnership.

**The wines:** Bee's Box Chardonnay, \$19; Bee's Box Pinot Noir, \$19.

**Info:** Francis Ford Coppola Winery, 300 Via Archimedes, Geyserville, (707) 857-1400, francisfordcoppolawinery.com. Virginia Dare Winery, 22281 Chianti Rd., Geyserville, (707) 735-3500, virginiadarewinery.com.

### Do It for the Love, Ca'Momi Winery

Ca'Momi's Do It for the Love endeavor began in 2014, and all of the profits go to the Do It for the Love Foundation. Created by Bay Area musician Michael Franti and his wife, Sara Agah Franti, the nonprofit organization focuses on the healing power of music, bringing those living with life-threatening illnesses to live concerts. Since its debut, Do It for the Love red and white wine sales have contributed an estimated \$20,000 directly to the organization.

**The wines:** Ca'Momi Do It for the Love Red, \$18.99; Ca'Momi Do It for the Love White, \$18.99. **Info:** Ca'Momi Winery, camomiwinery.com. Do It for the Love, doitfortheLove.org.

### Perpetuity, Rivera Vineyards

Founded over a decade ago, Rivera Vineyards has long used its twin wines, Perpetuity and Magnanimous, to support such foundations as Make a Wish and the Nicholas Colby Fund. This spirit lives on today, as Perpetuity continues to be donated to charitable organizations.

**The wine:** 2014 Perpetuity, \$85. **Info:** riveravineyards.org.

### Purple Heart Wines, C. Mondavi and Family

Named after the Purple Heart military medal, the wine honors America's veterans. (C. Mondavi and Family patriarch Peter Mondavi Sr. was a veteran of World War II.) Produced by the company since 2016, the line has donated \$60,000 to the Purple Heart Foundation, an organization that supports veterans in need.

**The wine:** Purple Heart Red Wine, \$19.99. **Info:** purpleheartwines.com.

### Santana Series, Mumm Napa

Yes, that Santana. A collaboration between Mumm Napa and legendary rock musician Carlos Santana, this series donates a portion of its proceeds to the Milagro Foundation established by Santana and his family in 1998. It aids children in need around the world. About \$15,000 has been raised to date.

**The wines:** Vintage 2008 Santana Supernatural Brut, \$70; Santana Brut, \$50; Santana Savor, \$32. **Info:** Mumm Napa, 8445 Silverado Trail, Rutherford, (707) 967-7700, mummnapa.com. The Milagro Foundation, milagrofoundation.org.

### The Sheriff of Buena Vista, Buena Vista Winery

Before he established Buena Vista Winery in 1857, Agoston Haraszthy served as the first sheriff in San Diego County. Today, a portion of the proceeds from every bottle of The Sheriff of Buena Vista sold across the country is donated to the National Sheriff's Association Education Foundation. As an added bonus, for every bottle sold in the state of California, an additional donation is made to the San Diego Sheriff's Museum and Educational Center.

**The wine:** The Sheriff of Buena Vista, \$40. **Info:** Buena Vista Winery, 18000 Old Winery Rd., Sonoma, (800) 926-1266, buenavista-winery.com.



Above and at right: A portion of the sales from Mumm Napa's Santana Series and Ca'Momi Winery's Do It for the Love red and whites go to worthy causes.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: BRIAN MALONEY; COURTESY OF MUMM NAPA; COURTESY OF CA'MOMI WINERY