



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Anna Miranda
Boisset Family Estates
Tel: 707-963-6939
Email: anna.miranda@boisset.com

Buena Vista Winery Awarded California Preservation Design Award
California's First Premium Winery Recognized for Seismic Strengthening

Sonoma (October 7, 2013) – Buena Vista Winery was awarded the 2013 California Preservation Design Award for “Craftsmanship/Preservation Technology” at the 30th Annual California Preservation Awards at the Merchants Exchange Building in San Francisco. The Champagne Cellars at Buena Vista, a California Historic Landmark, were seismically retrofitted using innovative technology called center core drilling, making it possible to restore and preserve the original look and feel of the façade of the cellars, as it had originally been built in 1857. The California Preservation Foundation recognized the renovation and seismic strengthening of the Champagne Cellars as having “maximized retention of character-defining features while minimizing visual impacts.”

The Champagne Cellars last produced wine in 1979 and closed to the public after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Jean-Charles Boisset, proprietor of Buena Vista, has made the restoration of the winery his duty to remind the world of its extensive role in winemaking history. “Buena Vista’s future is its past. Our mission is to preserve and perpetuate the imaginative vision and unrivaled legacy of the winery’s founder and to protect the first grand estate of the California wine world for the world to discover.”

Restoration and preservation of the Champagne Cellars, which had fallen to great disrepair and neglect, would follow shortly after Boisset’s purchase of the winery in 2011. To prevent any visible evidence of reinforcement on the stone walls, center core drilling was utilized. Four- to six inch diameter “cores” were meticulously drilled from the top of the wall to the bottom, allowing for a single rod of reinforced steel to be placed within the core. This was then filled with grout creating a reinforced vertical column reinforcing and strengthening the stone walls. Additional work to the cellars repointing all the joints; replacing cracked and deteriorated stones; repairing wall cracks and removing mortar; re-grouting of the outer walls with a unique mortar custom-mixed to ensure it was compatible with the original stone; and replacing the asphalt driveway with hand chiseled cobblestone.

--more--

p.2 Buena Vista Winery Awarded California Preservation Design Award (Con't)

Lead architect Naomi Miroglio of Architectural Resources Group, Inc., remarked, “The California Preservation Foundation is the premier preservation organization in the state of California; and to have them recognize the work that we have done is very exciting.” Miroglio’s other prominent projects have included Beringer Winery, Charles Krug Winery and the Culinary Institute of America Greystone Campus.

On August 31, 2012, after having been closed for over 20 years, the Champagne Cellars re-opened to the public on the 200th anniversary of Count Agoston Haraszthy’s, the founder of Buena Vista, birthday, and wine is again being produced within the historic cellars’ walls.

###

About Buena Vista Winery

Buena Vista Winery, California’s first premium winery was founded in 1857 by Agoston Haraszthy, the self-proclaimed “Count of Buena Vista”. Possessing a deep regard for the significance of its place in California wine history, Jean-Charles Boisset brought Buena Vista into the Boisset Family Estates collection in April 2011. Today, Jean-Charles is returning Buena Vista to its original glory with the complete restoration and re-opening of the Champagne Cellars. For the first time in over twenty years, the Cellars are now open to the public for tours, and wine is being made there once again after more than thirty years of dormancy. Buena Vista wines are being driven to greater heights under winemaker Brian Maloney and winemaking consultant David Ramey.

To learn more about Buena Vista Winery, visit www.buenavistawinery.com, or contact Anna Miranda at anna.miranda@boisset.com or 707-963-6939.

About The California Preservation Foundation

The California Preservation Foundation gives California Preservation Foundation (CPF) is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of California's diverse cultural and architectural heritage. Established in 1977, CPF works with its extensive network to provide statewide leadership, advocacy and education to ensure the protection of California's diverse cultural heritage and historic places.