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Two Innovators, One Great Wine

Buena Vista, California's Oldest Premium Winery Partners with Cooper's Hawk, a New Generation of Wine Lovers

CHICAGO, September 15, 2016 – [Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants](#), a leader in modern casual dining is known for their award winning wines and home of the largest wine club in America. Today, they are excited to announce their latest collaboration with [Buena Vista](#), California's oldest winery and one of the first new world wineries in the country. The yearlong project comes at a momentous time for Cooper's Hawk as they celebrate their 200,000 wine club member milestone this month.

The partnership between the wineries produced the 11th Anniversary Cooper's Hawk "Collaboration" wine, which celebrates the combined innovation of two wineries – both committed to bringing a dynamic energy to the wine industry. **Jean-Charles Boisset**, President of **Buena Vista Winery**, best known for his family's deep roots in crafting European wine, embodies the best of old and new world wine. **Tim McEnery**, CEO and founder of **Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants**, is the face of a new generation of wine enthusiasts. Together, they crafted a wine that honors California's tradition of bold, full-bodied wines. "Collaboration" is a rich, deep wine loaded with aromas of blackberry, blueberry, cherry, plum and baking spices. It has firm and well-rounded tannins and an exceptionally long finish that can stand up to any beef dish. Although balanced to drink now, this blend will age well for another four to six years. Cooper's Hawk will bottle 15k cases of wine as their 11th Anniversary Wine of the Month this October.

Tim McEnery shared, "Working with Buena Vista Winery and Jean-Charles has been one of the most memorable experiences I've had in winemaking. The historical significance of Buena Vista and its 150 year-old tradition is awe-inspiring. I'm honored to be able to bottle the experience and share it with our Wine Club. The Club has helped chart our course in winemaking, and I am confident that our members will embrace the addition of a classic California wine."

Buena Vista Winery was founded in 1857 by Agoston Haraszthy upon realizing the great potential in Sonoma for world-class wine. He went on to create the first gravity flow winery, excavated the first wine cave and brought in over 200 different varietals from Europe in an effort to create the best wine. From then, he began to call himself **The Count of Buena Vista** to celebrate his commitment to California wine. In 2011, Buena Vista became part of the Boisset Collection, a producer and importer of fine wines based in Burgundy, France. President, **Jean-Charles Boisset** was touched by the historical importance of Buena Vista and California's wine region and has continued to uphold the vision that Count Agoston Haraszthy shared some 150 years ago. Jean-Charles has been recognized for his outstanding contribution to the wine community and has received honors from *The French America Foundation*, *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, *Meiningers*, *Decanter Magazine* and more.

Jean-Charles Boisset was quoted, "Collaboration is what makes the wine world vibrate and brings a transcendental vision to people's emotional style, taste and senses. Bringing history and the future together allowed us to re-imagine the wine world. I'm incredibly grateful to Tim and his team, who added another dimension of imagination and inspiration to Buena Vista's style. The influence and joy shared in crafting this wine will certainly be enjoyed by the Cooper's Hawk Wine Club. This wine is about power and a vortex of energy that has never been felt before. Together we toast to the future of Tim and his team at Cooper's

Hawk and to collaboration at large."

The collaboration between Cooper's Hawk and Buena Vista will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 27 at Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois from 6:30-9:30pm. Cooper's Hawk wine club members will enjoy an inspired menu compliments of **Cooper's Hawk Chef Matt McMillin** served alongside thoughtful pairings from both wineries. The evening will feature a few surprises including a "fireside chat" with Cooper's Hawk Founder Tim McEnergy and Buena Vista President Jean-Charles Boisset. Both will share personal stories about their adventures in wine making and experience working together. Each guest will leave with a bottle of wine signed by both McEnergy and Boisset.

ABOUT BUENA VISTA WINERY

Buena Vista Winery is California's first premium winery; it was founded in 1857 by Hungarian immigrant Agoston Haraszthy, the self-proclaimed "Count of Buena Vista." Possessing a deep regard for the significance of Buena Vista's place in California wine history, Jean-Charles Boisset purchased Buena Vista in April 2011 and added the winery to the Boisset Collection. Today, Boisset has returned Buena Vista Winery to its original glory with the complete restoration and re-opening of the historic property. The wines are achieving new heights under Winemaker Brian Maloney and Consulting Winemaker David Ramey. Buena Vista Winery is located at 18000 Old Winery Road, Sonoma, CA. For more information, please visit www.buenavistawinery.com.

ABOUT COOPER'S HAWK WINERY & RESTAURANTS

Cooper's Hawk is a unique combination of restaurant, winery, Napa-style tasting room, and artisanal retail market. The concept partners with some of the best grape growers in the world to craft the Cooper's Hawk wine collection, winner of nearly 400 awards. Cooper's Hawk is home to the country's largest Wine Club, a member club offering exclusive wines, events, and privileges. Helmed by CEO/Founder Tim McEnergy, Cooper's Hawk was first opened in Orland Park, Illinois in 2005. Operations have since expanded to 24 locations throughout Illinois, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, and Wisconsin, with five additional units slated for construction through 2017.

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