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## St. Francis Winery & Vineyards Announces Acquisition of Russian River Valley Vineyard

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–NEWS RELEASE–

SANTA ROSA, CA (October 30, 2018) – St. Francis Winery & Vineyards is pleased to announce the acquisition of an 80 acre vineyard in the northeast region of the famed Russian River Valley appellation of Sonoma County.

The vineyard, known as River East, is currently planted to Chardonnay. Located near Eastside Road in the Russian River Valley, the site is well suited to growing premium quality fruit and will be replanted to additional varieties keeping with the company's sustainable farming and detailed vineyard management practices.

River East joins three other estate vineyards for St. Francis Winery; one other in Russian River Valley and two in Sonoma Valley. The estate vineyards, combined with fruit sourced from long-standing grower relationships throughout Sonoma County, support St. Francis Winery's Sonoma County, Artisan Collection and Reserve wine programs.

"This acquisition will assist in further solidifying the platform for our future growth opportunities. We look forward to continuing to invest in Sonoma County," stated Rick Bonitati, President & CEO at St. Francis Winery & Vineyards.

Zepponi & Company served as the exclusive financial advisor to Silverado Investment Management Company (SIMCO) on the transaction.

About St. Francis Winery & Vineyards:

For more than four decades, St. Francis Winery has hand-crafted fruit forward, luscious and full-bodied wines from more than 400 acres of estate vineyards in Sonoma Valley and Russian River Valley as well as mountain and valley vineyards from top growers in Sonoma County's finest appellations. As a Certified Sustainable, family-owned winery, St. Francis Winery & Vineyards continues to preserve Sonoma County's natural resources for future generations. St. Francis Winery & Vineyards is part of the French American Vintners group which is owned by the Kopf family and comprises a number of prestigious wineries and vineyards in France and the U.S. including Maison Louis Jadot, Maison Jean Loron, Domaine Ferret and Chateau de Jacques, along with Sequoia Grove in Napa, Résonance Vineyards in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, and Domaine Carneros (in joint partnership with the Taittinger Family) in Carneros. For more information, please visit [www.stfranciswinery.com](http://www.stfranciswinery.com).

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