

Viticulture briefs

Jackson Family Wines has opened Gran Moraine Winery, its first winery in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

The Santa Rosa wine company appointed Oregon vintner Eugenia Keegan to serve as general manager and winemaker at Gran Moraine. Ken Kupperman was named director of vineyards.

"Their expertise in the field and passion for the Willamette Valley is unmatched, and no one could ask for a more respected and admired winemaking and farming team," Hugh Reimers, chief operating officer for Jackson Family Wines, said in a statement.

The Jackson family purchased the 220-acre hillside vineyard and former Soléna Estate Winery in the Yamhill-Carlton district in May 2013. Gran Moraine's first wine is a pinot noir with a suggested retail price of \$45.

The family's portfolio includes more than 30 wineries in California, Oregon, France, Italy, Chile and Australia. Founded in 1982 by the late Jess Jackson, Jackson Family Wines is now led by his wife, Barbara Banke, who serves as chairman and proprietor.

Hospitality trade show

The third annual Wine Country Hospitality & Event Trade Show is coming to Yountville July 15.

The event at Hall Winery offers an opportunity to network with other planners, vendors and service providers. For exhibitors, it is a chance to meet top event planners, corporate meeting planners, destination management companies, and other hospitality professionals.

The program includes staged site visits and a luncheon showcasing event designers and Wine Country chefs.

The event is sponsored by Concierge Alliance of Napa Valley & Sonoma. VIP tickets for the full day of activities are \$115 or \$45 for the exhibit hall only. Booth prices are \$675 for non-members and \$475 for CANVAS members. For more information, visit www.ConciergeAlliance.com/TradeShow.

12 scholarships awarded

A dozen students in Dry Creek Valley received scholarships from area winegrowers.

Five Healdsburg High School graduates received \$1,300 scholarships. Another seven scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,700 were awarded to continuing education students who had previously received scholarships from the Dry Creek Valley Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships are available for graduating seniors, continuing education students, and re-entry students wishing to attend accredited colleges, universities, junior colleges, or business and trade schools.

The fund is supported by donations from members of the Dry Creek Valley Association and the Winegrowers of Dry Creek Valley. Most of the funds are raised at the Dry Creek Valley Association summer picnic, set for Aug. 24. Compiled by Derek Moore. Submit items to derek.moore@pressdemocrat.com.