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THE DONUM ESTATE ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF ICONIC ANDERSON VALLEY VINEYARD, SAVOY



*New Ownership Furthers Commitment to Sustainability and
Quality Wines with Unparalleled Terroir*

SONOMA, CA. (June 12, 2023) - [The Donum Estate](#), a leader in Northern California Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, proudly announces its acquisition of Savoy Vineyard in Anderson Valley. Joining the Donum portfolio of Carneros, Russian River Valley, Bodega and existing Anderson Valley vines, Savoy's 52-acre property strengthens Donum's connection to Anderson Valley and aligns with Donum's winemaking philosophy of crafting Pinot Noir and Chardonnay with depth and energy that are expressive of the soils in which the grapes are grown. The first acquisition of an established vineyard for Donum, the addition of Savoy will allow Donum to immediately expand its wine portfolio with the 2023 vintage.

The Donum Estate's CEO, Angelica de Vere Mabray, reflects on the exciting momentum that this acquisition brings, *"Donum continues to attract a growing global audience and we enter this next growth phase with an unwavering commitment to our philosophy, our customers and our dedication to excellence. Savoy is a meaningful addition to our portfolio, a vineyard with a strong sense of place and quality that naturally fits with our continued mission of producing artisanal wines from California's top regions."*

Since its inception in 2001, the Donum Estate has built a legacy of single-vineyard, single-appellation Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Northern California, with small production wines bringing an authentic reflection of the soil and micro-climates from which they derive. Toting vines of world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Savoy denotes an impressive and historic extension for Donum.

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“Donum’s experience in regenerative winegrowing will serve us well as we take over as the latest stewards of this remarkable piece of land. By focusing on vineyard and soil and minimizing manipulation in the winery, we let the land speak for itself through the wine,” says Donum’s Vice President of Winemaking and Vineyards, Dan Fishman. *“Our goal has always been to make the best Pinot Noir and Chardonnay possible in each of our unique vineyard sites, and we are excited to continue this mission at Savoy Vineyard.”*

Donum is Latin for *Gift*, and the Donum team considers wine to be a gift of the land. Donum respects this gift by keeping its focus on healthy, living soils. Donum achieved the highest level of organic certification as one of the first wineries in Sonoma County to achieve Regenerative Organic Certified® (ROC) status for all of its Estate vineyards. Donum is also certified organic from the California Certified Organic Farming Association (CCOF). Donum’s farming and winemaking team are constantly innovating and testing new techniques and farming practices including soil enrichment, integrated pest management, and encouraging biodiversity around the vineyards. These same principles will be applied at Savoy Vineyard, where the plan is to quickly achieve ROC and CCOF certification.

Over time, Donum will enact sustainability practices at Savoy such as selecting drought resistant rootstock to reduce the need for irrigation, configuring trellis architecture to lower water consumption, incorporating cover crop and tillage practices that provide habitat for beneficial insects, and overall enhancement of biodiversity and vine health.

The acquisition of Savoy Vineyard marks Donum’s first Estate Vineyard outside of Sonoma County and will provide an opportunity for Donum’s Winegrowing team to further explore their study of terroir and continue their mission of making world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in Northern California.

About Donum

Founded in 2001, Donum’s terroir-driven wines reflect the energy and complexity of some of the most celebrated regions in Northern California including the Russian River Valley, Carneros, Anderson Valley and Bodega. Donum achieved the highest level of organic certification as one of the first wineries in Sonoma County to achieve Regenerative Organic Certified® status for all of its Estate vineyards. Donum is also California Certified Organic Farming Association (CCOF) certified—Donum, in fact, is Latin for *Gift* of the land—and using biodynamic and regenerative organic farming practices creates environments in which its vines can thrive and produce the highest-quality fruit as possible. Located in the acclaimed wine region Carneros nestled between Napa and Sonoma Counties, the Donum Estate includes a state-of-the-art winemaking facility, contemporary hospitality experience, an organic farm, and one of the largest accessible private sculpture collections in the world. At the intersection of fine wine, sustainable farming and world-class art, Donum connects a global community and creates holistic sensory wine experiences that have made it an international destination.

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About Savoy Vineyard

Planted in 1991 by Richard Savoy, Savoy Vineyard is located toward the Northern end of Highway 128, ideally situated between the junction of Gowan Creek and Navarro River in the heart of the renowned Anderson Valley. The cool climate vineyard has built a reputation for outstanding Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, consistently offering a harmonious combination of concentration and elegance in its wines.

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