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**Cooperages 1912 Makes \$50,000 Scholarship Donation to Sonoma State University to Benefit Wine Industry Scholars Program (WISP)**

NAPA, Ca (July 26, 2017) – Cooperages 1912 recently announced a scholarship donation of \$10,000 per year for the next five years to the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University, totaling \$50,000. The donation will benefit SSU’s Wine Industry Scholars Program which brings first-generation college students with wine industry ties, children of vineyard and winery workers, to the University. The Wine Business Institute is an education and research institute of the School of Business and Economics at SSU.

Scholarship recipients will receive \$10,000 of support for tuition, room and board, and student fees. The scholarship funds are allocated evenly across four years, and significantly reduce the student loan amounts for students who receive them.

The program also ensures their academic success on campus with program components like the Summer Bridge experience, the Kalmanovitz EOP Academy coursework, and the Rodney Strong advising and co-curricular options.

“Cooperages 1912 is pleased to partner with the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University to support the education of children with parents who work in the wine industry.” said Elizabeth Van Emst, general manager Cooperages 1912. “Sonoma County has been good to us over the years. It’s important to give back to help the community flourish and support the students who are the future of the wine industry.”

This donation is part of an ongoing commitment to support wine education programs throughout the United States. Cooperages 1912 has partnered with programs at Cal Poly, Fresno State, UC Davis, Washington State University and University of Missouri. Cooperages 1912 has been donating to colleges and universities for the last 10 years, with donations totaling over half a million dollars.

[Cooperages 1912](#) is a fourth-generation, family-owned company committed to crafting premium French, European and American oak barrels under the brands [T.W. Boswell](#) and [World Cooperage](#). Over the past century, the Boswell family has crafted distinctive barrels that define the industry. The Cooperages 1912 team consults directly with winemakers to ensure an optimal pairing between wine and barrel.

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