FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA WINERY CELEBRATES 92ND OSCARS® COLLABORATION WITH NEW RESERVE WINES SHOWCASED IN LIMITED EDITION GOLD BOTTLES

New 2017 Reserve Chardonnay and 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir wines to be poured at the 92nd Oscars® and Governors Ball will be available to the public.

GEYSERVILLE, Calif. (Jan 13, 2020) – Francis Ford Coppola Winery, the award-winning Northern California destination, premieres two limited edition wines to be served at the 92nd Oscars® and Governors Ball on Sunday, February 9, including a 2017 Reserve Chardonnay and 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir. These prestigious new wines from Sonoma County, named the 2019 Wine Region of the Year by Wine Enthusiast, are bottled with a sleek gold-colored exterior finish inspired by one of the motion picture industry’s top honors. For Francis Ford Coppola, six-time Academy Award® winning director, screenwriter and entrepreneur, winemaking has been a family tradition for several generations. Just in time for awards season, fans can enjoy memorable wines in bottles crafted as a symbol honoring the significant talent, passion and hard work achieved throughout the entire film industry.

“These impressive Family Coppola 92nd Award wines prove how much we’re motivated by creativity and innovation in winemaking,” says Sandy Walheim, Winemaker with Francis Ford Coppola Winery. “The high-quality wines found in these specialty gold bottles represent some of the best that the Russian River Valley has to offer.”

The two newest Francis Ford Coppola Winery wines are from the Russian River Valley AVA known for a characteristically cool climate heavily influenced by fog generated by its proximity to the Pacific Ocean. The 2017 Reserve Chardonnay is sourced from the esteemed Dutton Ranch Vineyard located less than ten miles from the coast. The single vineyard bottling is from a parcel of the property that resides in the warmest part of the appellation, an area known for producing Chardonnay with expressive tropical tones, making this wine elegant and complex in character with fragrance notes of tangerine, pear and Meyer lemon. The 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir is from the King Vineyard that consistently delivers richly concentrated fruit with amazing dark colors and expressive flavors. This 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir has a lush and velvety palate balanced by seasoned oak and moderate tannins with fragrant notes of raspberries, pomegranates, cloves and rose petals with a lengthy and complex finish as sweet spices, vanilla bean and wood tones evolve on the palate.

Francis Ford Coppola Winery will also be serving its 2018 I Mille Vernaccia, 2019 Sofia Rosé, 2017 Director’s Cut Cabernet Sauvignon, 2018 Director’s Cut Chardonnay, and 2016 Eleanor Red Blend wines during this year’s Oscars and at the Governors Ball. While these wines are available in select retail stores and online, there’s an opportunity to try The Family Coppola 92nd Award wines available online for a limited time while supply lasts.

Whether hosting an awards season party or celebrating certain achievements, these eye-catching gold bottles allow fans to bring people together and celebrate life’s successes both large and small. Whether a significant event or small win, post about your own achievement using the #StayGoldMoment hashtag and join the online conversation by following @Coppolawine on Instagram and Twitter to see all of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery #StayGoldMoment posts. This fun effort is a nod to the 1983 film The Outsiders directed by Francis Ford Coppola and original story by S.E. Hinton.

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About The Family Coppola
The Family Coppola encompasses all of the things Francis loves most—cinema, wine, food, resorts and adventure—and embraces quality, authenticity and pleasure as a backbone to each of these vibrant business endeavors. Anchored in Sonoma County, Francis Ford Coppola Winery, known for its superior level of quality and integrity, is, as Francis puts it, “a wine wonderland, a park of pleasure where people of all ages can enjoy all the best things in life: food, wine, music, dancing, games, swimming and performances of all types. A place to celebrate the love of life.” Coppola’s second foray into Sonoma County came in 2015 with the launch of Virginia Dare Winery, American wines since 1835, ushering in a new era of elevated quality and vineyard-specific wines. Domaine de Broglie is the newest high-end wine brand and vineyard in esteemed Willamette Valley honoring science, history, discovery and premium Oregon wines. The Family Coppola are lovers not only of wine, but spirits as well. Great Women Spirits—small-batch, house-crafted, classically styled spirits—are a collection of spirits as unique and remarkable as the women they honor. The Family Coppola Hideaways are a collection of unique properties where adventure meets serenity. Drawing upon inspiration from his film career and travels around the globe to the far-reaching corners of the world, Francis created each resort, embracing off the beaten path locations and making each locale an ideal destination for exploring the natural wonders of the area while relaxing in tranquil surroundings. Additionally, The Family Coppola operates the award-winning literary and art magazine, Zoetrope: All-Story; Cafe Zoetrope in San Francisco’s iconic Sentinel Building in North Beach; and Mammarella Foods, an authentic line of premium organic pastas and sauces. Earn and redeem points through Coppola Rewards membership at CoppolaRewards.com or visit www.TheFamilyCoppola.com to learn more.

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**GAIL ANN’S VINEYARD, DUTTON RANCH**

Located in the Russian River Valley less than ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, Dutton Ranch is comprised of more than 75 separate vineyards planted in the coolest areas of the region. This year’s Chardonnay is a single vineyard bottling from Gail Ann’s Vineyard, a parcel of Dutton Ranch that resides in the warmest part of the appellation, an area known for producing Chardonnay with expressive tropical tones.

**WINemaker’S NOTES**

The 2017 growing season began with a good deal of precipitation, but after a mild spring, temperatures increased and remained warm throughout summer and fall. The vintage delivered smaller than average clusters, leading to excellent concentration and high quality fruit. Our Chardonnay was ready for harvest a few weeks ahead of schedule.

**TASTING NOTES**

Bold, voluptuous, and lavish as an awards ceremony, the Family Coppola 92nd Awards Chardonnay is lively and offers tropical notes on the nose, creamy texture and full mouthfeel, with flavors of buttered croissant and pear on the finish.

**APPELLATION:** Russian River Valley  
**BLEND:** 100% Chardonnay  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%  
**TA:** .64g/100ml  
**pH:** 3.45  
**BARREL REGIMEN:** 10 months in French Oak, 35% New Oak, Stored in Stainless Steel
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**KING VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

Because of its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, the Russian River Valley is greatly influenced by the coast. Fog rolls over the vineyards each evening, dropping the temperatures as much as 35 to 40 degrees. This natural air conditioning contributes to an extended growing season where grapes are able to mature slowly and maintain a good level of natural acidity. The King Vineyard is located in Russian River’s Santa Rosa plain. It consistently delivers richly concentrated fruit with amazing dark colors and expressive flavors.

**WINEMAKER’S NOTES**

In 2018, precipitation carried on into spring, extending the growing period several weeks past the preceding year. There were also fewer heat spikes this season, allowing the fruit to ripen at a nice, steady pace, with slightly larger yields of very well-balanced fruit.

**TASTING NOTES**

Robust, and full-bodied the Family Coppola 92nd Awards Pinot Noir is complex, yet structured, with aromas of dark fruit and clove. Flavors of blackberry and tobacco on the palate are followed by notes of cigar box and spice on the finish.

**APPELLATION:** Russian River Valley  
**BLEND:** 100% Pinot Noir  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%  
**TA:** .54g/100ml  
**pH:** 3.65  
**BARREL REGIMEN:** 13 months in 40% French Oak