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### **WENDY PUTMAN NAMED CEO OF THE FAMILY COPPOLA'S GREAT WOMEN SPIRITS**

#### ***Winery Veteran to Oversee Award-Winning Craft Spirits Collection***

GEYSERVILLE, Calif. (February 14, 2018) – The Family Coppola announced today the appointment of Wendy Putman as CEO of Great Women Spirits, whose Lovelace Gin was recently named “Best of Show Clear Spirit” in the Craft Distillers Spirits Competition.

“Our family is no stranger to accomplished, empowered women,” says Francis Ford Coppola. “Sofia [Coppola] was one of the first women to emerge as a film director and Ellie [Eleanor Coppola] became a movie director at age 81. Many of the most senior positions at The Family Coppola are held by women, including Wendy. This promotion is a natural fit given Wendy’s accomplishments through the years.”

“Wendy has been a valued employee for over 17 years,” says The Family Coppola CEO Corey Beck. “Her dedication and commitment to our brand has garnered significant growth and made her the perfect CEO for Great Women Spirits. She is not only respected in her vast network of supplier and distributor colleagues, but admired for her remarkable ability to exceed expectations, which makes her the perfect fit to lead Great Women Spirits into its next chapter.”

Putman, who will also continue to serve in her role as President, Wholesale Sales for the wine division of The Family Coppola, has been the driving force behind the critically-acclaimed winery’s viable domestic and international wine presence.

#### **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. 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-track 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 a venerable film production company, American Zoetrope; 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. [www.TheFamilyCoppola.com](http://www.TheFamilyCoppola.com).

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