

# FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA WINERY PREMIERES CUSTOM WINES FOR 2019 OSCARS<sup>®</sup> & GOVERNORS BALL

# Inspired by Creativity and Innovation in Film, Francis Ford Coppola Winery Creates One of a Kind Animated Wine Label

**GEYSERVILLE, Calif. (February 19, 2019)** – Today, Francis Ford Coppola Winery, known for awardwinning wines, premieres two custom wines for the 2019 Oscars® and Governors Ball. Through a process of meticulous fruit selection and numerous blending trials, these specially made wines capture the distinct nuances of distinguished microclimates in a highly refined style. Additionally, the elegant *Sofia Rosé*, named after critically-acclaimed director Sofia Coppola, was selected for the program as well as *Director's Cut Chardonnay* and *Sauvignon Blanc, Francis Coppola Reserve Pinot Noir*, and *Eleanor* wines. This new wine, which continues the three-year partnership with the Oscars®, features unique zoetrope labels from Irving G. Thalberg Memorial award recipient and five-time Oscar® winner Francis Ford Coppola's personal collection.

"These wines are a tribute to Francis Ford Coppola's love for film and wine," says Corey Beck, The Family Coppola CEO and Chief Winemaker. "Francis took a risk 40 years ago and purchased a home in wine country where he started making wine. It seems only appropriate that we drew from his passion and bottled the Oscars<sup>®</sup> wines with our revolutionary label that took five years to develop. Featuring a moving Zoetrope, the grapes come from Francis's estate and the impeccable Dutton Ranch in Sonoma County, both beautiful wines to celebrate the Oscars<sup>®</sup>!"

Opulent best describes the *Final Cut - 91<sup>st</sup> Edition Rutherford 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon*. It's a wine with presence and complex character, supple tannins, and fragrant oak that frames alluring impressions of red cherry, plum, leather, tobacco, and clove. Mouth-filling and dramatic, as the wine opens up black fruits emerge with notes of vanilla and baking spices.

The *Final Cut - 91<sup>st</sup> Edition Russian River Valley 2017 Chardonnay* offers vibrant aromas of pineapple, melon, kumquat, and clove. Full-bodied and broad on the palate, the wine's lush flavors of apples, lemon cream, cinnamon graham cracker, and smoky bourbon vanilla build before finding a crescendo of crisp mineral notes on the finish. This Chardonnay is a single vineyard bottling from Dutton Hill Vineyard in Sonoma County, located in Russian River Valley that resides in the warmest part of the appellation, an area known for producing Chardonnay with expressive tropical tones.

This collection from Francis Ford Coppola Winery will take the stage through a series of events leading up to the big night. All totaled, Francis Ford Coppola Winery is expected to serve over 2,400 bottles of wine, which comes out to more than 14,000 glasses. Those who are not attending the award-winning night can find *Sofia Rosé, Director's Cut* and *Eleanor* wines at a store near them by visiting the <u>Store Locator</u>. To

order these wines and the *Francis Coppola Reserve Pinot Noir* for delivery to your door, visit <u>FrancisFordCoppolaWinery.com/en/shop</u>. Check out <u>The Family Coppola</u> on <u>YouTube</u> and online conversations on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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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. 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 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. Earn and redeem points through Coppola Rewards membership at CoppolaRewards.com or visit www.TheFamilyCoppola.com to learn more.

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