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Dear Winemakers, Partners, and Friends,

As part of changes to the Alameda County Fair wine program for 2026, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Amateur Wine Competition this year with anticipation of bringing the competition back in 2027.

Our focus for 2026 is strengthening and expanding our partnership with the Livermore Valley Wine Community. Together, we are launching a new, unified professional competition: the *California Signature Wine Awards*.

As part of this transition, the Uncorked competition will merge with the Alameda County, Sauvignon Summit, Zin Challenge, and Best of Blends Competitions. This consolidation will streamline judging, increase visibility for participating wineries, and create a stronger, more cohesive platform for professional wine recognition.

We are grateful to the amateur winemakers who have contributed to the long-standing tradition of the Alameda County Fair wine program. Your dedication has been an important part of its history.

We look forward to this next chapter and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Exhibits & Community Programs Supervisor