

Proclamation



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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

NAPA VALLEY 2014 GROWER OF THE YEAR - Mary Maher

WHEREAS, Mary Maher has been chosen by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers as 2014 Grower of the Year for her remarkable contributions to the industry and community for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary was one of the first two female vineyard managers in Napa Valley, originally managing vineyards at Buena Vista in Carneros for 10 years. She then worked as a vineyard manager and oversaw projects and vineyard development for seven years at Etude, Acacia, Moraga and Harlan. Mary has been a tremendous role model and mentor for women in the industry and is well-known for encouraging her staff to further develop their careers in the wine industry; and

WHEREAS, Mary has built a career rooted in quality, sustainability, and innovation, and was an early leader in organic farming practices. She is currently the Vineyard Manager for Harlan Estate, a position she has held for 12 years. Mary developed Harlan's in-house vineyard farming and development company, now employing over 50 men and women; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been an industry leader, serving on boards and supporting initiatives throughout her career, including: the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Board of Directors for nine years; chair of the annual Napa County Pruning Contest for 12 years, an active member of both the Industry Issues and Harvest STOMP committees at the NVG for over six years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mark Luce, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, on this day, May 20, 2014, hereby commend Mary Maher for being chosen as the 2014 Napa Valley Grower of the Year, and recognize the invaluable contributions she has made to our wine industry.

Mark Luce, Chair

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