

# *Las Positas College For Immediate Release*

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**Las Positas College's Campus Hill Winery to Sell Wine**

*LPC earns Viticulture and Enology Foundation license*

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(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College (LPC) students will soon see the literal fruits of their labor manifest in additional funding for LPC's Viticulture and Winery Technology programs, as the college's Campus Hill Winery has earned its Viticulture and Enology Foundation license. The license, confirmed in May, allows wine developed by LPC students to be made and sold to the general public onsite, as well as in local restaurants and wine stores.

Nestled in the heart of the Tri-Valley's rich wineries, LPC's Viticulture and Winery Technology programs prepare students for transfer to 4-year colleges and universities and for careers in the wine industry through degree and certificate pathways. Students are provided with the education and training needed for career advancement and to gain entry-level positions in the field. The program, which has been offered since 2004, originally provided students real world experience at local wineries, but the hands-on portion was brought onsite when LPC added its own vineyard in 2007.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the college to continue to build upon the heritage of Tri-Valley's wine country," said Nan Ho, LPC's Dean of Academic Service for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. "At Las Positas, students learn the entire process from growing the fruit and taking care of the vineyard, to harvest, crush, fermentation, bottling and labeling - and now our community can purchase the wine the students have made."

Campus Hill Winery's red wine, South Slope Field Blend-2017, won gold and Best of Show/Double Gold in the amateur category at the 2019 Alameda County Fair wine competition. The new licensure will allow the winery to join with commercial cellars in future competitions.

"This is an exciting milestone," said LPC's Viticulture and Winery Technology Faculty and Program Coordinator David Everett. "This will give students experience in a producing winery. Adhering to compliance is key. Following strict protocols and practices is important to an operating winery. Having the students gain experience selling wine face-to-face with retailers will be a great learning opportunity."

LPC's Fall 2019 harvest could be released with white and rosé wines as early as Spring 2020, with a red wine likely available in Fall 2020. Future students interested in learning more about LPC's variety of classes, including World Wines, Introduction to Enology, and Winery Operations, which teaches students how to make wine, should visit, [www.laspositascollege.edu/vwt/](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/vwt/).

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**About Las Positas College**

Las Positas College currently enrolls 9,300 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.