

# Bacchus-Vinothek

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**Brände im Sonoma County und Napa Valley.  
Menschen brauchen schnelle Hilfe.**



Photo by: Peter Thoshinsky/ZUMA

**Mittwoch, 18. Oktober 2017**

Sehr geehrte Kunden, liebe Freunde,

nach unserem Aufruf spendeten viele Kunden Beträge von 20 bis 150 EUR. Danke. Die Bacchus-Vinothek legte EUR 1000 drauf und so konnten 2500 \$ an die beiden Organisationen (siehe unten) überwiesen werden.

Wir sandten die mail unten an unsere Freunde und Partner in Kalifornien. Lesen Sie unten die Antworten.

Natürlich können Sie fragen, warum man Geld für Menschen in einem so reichen Land wie den USA spenden soll. Es geht um Solidarität, Menschlichkeit, Freundschaft und das Zeichen, dass man Anteil nimmt und an diese Menschen denkt. Wir lassen Euch nicht allein und stehen Euch bei!!

Hilfe wird wohl kommen. Irgendwann. Für alle? Von Trump habe ich noch kein Bild in Kalifornien gesehen. Vor allem die sozial schwächeren Menschen brauchen dringend Hilfe. Diese muss aus dem Herzen organisiert werden. Aus dem Herzen der betroffenen Regionen und unserem eigenen.

Wir müssen begreifen, dass die Welt rund ist. Isolierte Lösungen müssen scheitern. Niemand kann sich aus der globalen Verantwortung stehlen. Kein Mensch und kein Land.

# Mail an unsere Freunde und Partner in Kalifornien



Dear friends,

With more than 300 wines from USA and our annual visits in California we have a warm, long-lasting and strong relationship to this wonderful country and the great people. Just 6 weeks ago we saw many of you between Santa Barbara and Mendocino. All were happy about the incoming vintage 2017.

Then the fire came.

Now the situation is completely different today. Our thoughts and prayers are still with those who have lost their life or

home.

We have kept our clients informed about the situation in California over the last days and asked for help. We have collected money and Nina and me added an substantial amount on top.

We have sent a cash donation of more than USD 2500 today to

**Napa Valley Community Foundation**  
[www.napavalleycf.org](http://www.napavalleycf.org)

**Sonoma Resilience Fund**  
[www.sonomacf.org/sonoma-county-resilience-fund](http://www.sonomacf.org/sonoma-county-resilience-fund)

We hope that this amount will help at least a little, however, please see it more as a sign that we don't leave you alone.

And always remember!

**You are Americans!! Whenever you hit the ground you stand up and start again. This is unique, your strength and your pride.**

**You make California strong again!!**

Yours

Nina, Michael with Nathalie and Max  
and the clients of Bacchus-Vinothek

## Antworten der Freunde und Partner

*Dear Michael, Nina and all,*

*What a very dear thing for you to do. No wonder you live in such a high place in our hearts!  
At Lail Vineyards we have been so incredibly lucky and our team and business have escaped harm.  
I can tell you that you are absolutely right! We are a strong community and we will pull together and shine.  
Passion is not susceptible to fire.*

*Please convey to your customers that the best way they can help Napa and Sonoma rebuild is to buy wine.  
You are so very wonderful to make your kind contributions. Thank you for your care.*

*My best regards to you all,*

*Robin*

*Robin Daniel Lail  
Lail Vineyards*

Dear Michael,

I can't tell you how much your gesture and your actions are appreciated! We continue to feel the warmth, caring and compassion of our friends from all around the world.

Thank you!!

The fires are now finally abating – they are not yet all extinguished. And, the recovery and rebuilding will begin. Opus One was one of the fortunate wineries: our winery and vineyards were not touched by the fires. Most importantly, all of our employees are safe and sound, and we had no homes burned. But, there are so many others who have suffered terrible losses. Our hearts are with them, as together we rebuild Napa and Sonoma valleys.

It is greatly comforting for us to know that our friends are thinking of us and are acting to help. We look forward already to the time when we can welcome you back to Napa Valley and it will be once again green and beautiful.

With our thanks!

David

*Hi Michael*

*Many thanks for your e mail and your donation. Every bit helps as so many have lost their homes and businesses. Here is a quick update:*

*5,700 homes burned down in Sonoma and Napa at this point.*

*Many businesses in Santa Rosa destroyed completely*

*41 people have died in the fires*

*22 people in our company lost their homes in the fire*

*Some wineries were lost or affected.*

*Jackson Family Wines did not lose any wineries or vineyards*

*All of our chardonnay and pinot was already in by the time of the fires*

*90% of our Bordeaux varietals were in before the fires*

*Looks like the rest of the Bordeaux blends were barely impacted*

*The city of Santa Rosa took a massive hit, and so many homes have been destroyed, along with businesses ranging from restaurants to tire stores. It will take years to rebuild, and we are unfortunately a long way from even starting that process. Leslie and I were evacuated the very first evening as the fire came to our house quickly from where it started. The winds were very strong that night. The fire got to within 300 feet of our house, and the wind changed and the fire went around us over the next few days, so we still have a house to go back to. We just got access yesterday and will begin the clean up process to get rid of the smoke damage to the house, but we are one of the lucky ones. 170 homes burned down next to us.*

*Jackson Family Wines is back up and running, and as you say, we get knocked down but then get back up. I hope many people around the world will continue to support the California wine industry as many will need that support.*

*Best regards*

*Nick*

Dear Michael, Nina, Nathalie and Max,

What a lovely note and beautiful sign of your thoughtfulness and caring. We appreciate your generosity and friendship, so valuable to our industry and our region at this time.

Affectionately yours,

Tod Mostero

Dominus Estate

*Dear Michael,*

*Our sincerest thanks to you and your community for your help to ours.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kassidy*

*KASSIDY HARRIS*

*Ulysses Wine Cellars*

Dear Michael,

I have forwarded your note and thank you so much for your kind words, considerations and donations. It will take a while, but we'll be back stronger as you say!

Keep well,

Taco

Taco Lucassen

Trade Marketing Manager | Regional Manager EMEA



*Our Vision: Elevate Life with Every Glass Raised.*

*Dear Michael,  
I'm grateful for your thoughts and your generous contribution to our devastated communities.  
Sincerely,  
Brent*

**Thanks Michael,  
You are a superstar – just spoke to Nick – around 300 people displaced from our company but everyone is safe and remarkably no damage to vineyards or wineries. We will prevail.  
Many thanks for your support!  
Best,  
James  
James Tookey  
VP Asia, Europe & Middle East  
Jackson Family Wines**

**Thank you Michael! Appreciate the kind words.  
Frank Ingriselli**

**From Grimm to sweet!  
A thousand thanks...  
We will rebuild and thrive!  
Michael  
Michael Updegraff  
Lail Vineyards**

**Dear Michael, thank you for this very touching message.  
Best regards  
Marc B.**

*Hi Michael,  
I see that you have been busy working to support the Northern California fire, what a total devastation. Thank you!!!  
Your compassion and care is greatly appreciated. While I have friends who have lost everything, I also have family that are there fighting the fires. Heavy hearts and minds!  
Thank you  
Sandra*

Thank you, Michael, for your kind note. The general outpouring of concern and encouragement has been overwhelming and is deeply appreciated.

Numerous wildfires continue to surround and threaten our little Valley. To this point, we have been more fortunate than many. However, evacuation orders have recently been expanding and we face much uncertainty. Communication has been challenging with power outages and spotty cell coverage.

Our hearts go out to all those who have lost their homes, businesses and wineries. The impact of these fires will long be felt in our communities.

We hope to have better news soon. Thank you for your support. We're feeling the love.

Best regards,

DON WEAVER, DIRECTOR

**HARLAN ESTATE**  
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Dear Michael,

As the days slowly winds down, I feel we can find some words to express our gratitude for all the message of concern we've received. The winery is well, we had a few small fires nearby all day, which kept us concerned and making evacuation plans. Our region is well away from the other fires, and it seemed logical to focus on the devastating fires in Santa Rosa and Napa. Our strong volunteer Lakeville Patrol contained the fire and we can now focus our attention on supporting our friends in other areas.

We trust that we will all come together as the strong community we are and re-build our region and continue to teach our children the value of community. Our entire team is safe, some have been evacuated, some have their jobs in peril, and we will be here for them and for all our neighbors. My heart goes out to my many friends in the industry who have lost it all. Please keep them in your hearts and mind as you continue through your day.

Most warmly,

Ana Keller

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Dear Michael,

We thank you for your strong support! I can assure you it means a lot to all of us. This is a hellish time!

My very best,

Robin

Robin Daniel Lail

Lail vineyards

707-968-9900

Thank you Michael

The fire is everywhere , so close to our place, pray for all the victims

Claire LURTON

Chateau FERRIERE , Margaux

Chateau HAUT BAGES LIBERAL, Pauillac

ACAIBO , ,Sonoma

**Michael,**

**Alexandra just forwarded the email to me about your donations. We are so very grateful for our relationship with you. You all make the world a better place. Thank you so much. Your email brought me to tears. We are ok, the winery, tasting room, wine storage, and warehouse all made it through the fire and we are all getting back to a new normal. Take care. We hope to see you soon.**

**Best Regards,**

**Elizabeth Phillips**

**National Director of Sales & Marketing**

**Jeff Cohn Cellars**

Grimms Rock !!!!  
Sparky  
Fred Schrader

*Dear Michael,*

*Thank you very much.*

*Your concern for the people of Napa and Sonoma in their hour of need is extremely kind, and the charitable contribution made by you and your customers is greatly appreciated, and will go some way to help the good people who've been impacted by the fires to put their lives back together.*

*With best wishes,*

*Charlie*

*Charlie Matthews*

*Area Manager Europe*

*Opus One International*

**Michael,**

**Thank you so much for this heart-felt letter and donation.**

**You and your family are wonderful!**

**Been a really tough 10 days for all of us here in Napa/Sonoma but we will re-build and be as strong as ever!**

**Very fortunate here at Shafer: Everyone safe and all buildings OK. Was VERY close, though!**

**Best,**

**Doug**

*Michael,*

*Thank you so much for your help! These fires have brought unprecedented devastation to our community and so many families are in need of assistance. Monetary donations like the one you have contributed will go such a long way in getting our neighbors back on their feet.*

*We have always considered it fortunate to count you as a colleague and your kind words and generosity make us grateful to count you as a friend at such a trying time.*

*With gratitude,*

*Victoria*

*Thanks Michael! Awesome gesture.*

*Warmest Regards,*

*Alex Casella*

**Thank you for the kind gesture, family Grimm!**

**Best regards,**

**Lee**

*Dear Mr. Grimm,*

*We are deeply touched by the outpouring of support, concern, and compassion during this devastating time. With the vigilant and tireless help of first responders and volunteers, containment of the fires is almost complete. We have been incredibly fortunate. Our team is safe, and our winemaking and hospitality facilities escaped unscathed. The majority of this year's fruit was safely harvested before the wildfires began, and amidst the displacement and upheaval, the 2017 vintage will be one we will never forget.*

*Together we will rebuild the parts of our valley that suffered damage from this tragic occurrence. While natural disasters capture headlines and national attention short-term, the work of recovery and rebuilding within our community is long-term. With many of you asking how you can contribute, we are in the final stages of establishing a fund to directly help those who have been af-*

*fected. This should be up and running early next week, with our resolve to aid effectively and efficiently.*

*As the Napa Valley remains true to the magic that fall brings, the majority of the land continues to vibrantly cast color throughout this place we call home. On behalf of our immediate and extended family, thank you for your friendship and patronage.*

*Sincerely,*



*H. William Harlan*

Samstag, 14. Oktober 2017

## **Antworten unserer Bacchus-Vinothek Kunden**

Dear Friends,

the pictures in the newspapers make me deeply saddened. I hope und pray for you. I wish you courage and confidence.

Your Martin Keßler

Hallo Herr Grimm,

I follow the news from Napa in the last few days. It is a tragedy for all of the people who lost its home, business which they built up many years.

Please send my sympathy to all your friends, business partners in the Nappa. I wish them a rush stop of this terrible catastrophe, minimize the losses and a rush recovery of the business.

If you or the wineries have an idea how we can help them from here, please let us know.

Regards

Mesterhazy

*Lieber Herr Grimm,*

*ganz offen gestanden: Meine Gattin und ich finden das einfach toll, wie Sie sich für diese Menschen im Napa Valley-Gebiet engagieren. Das verdient großen Respekt.*

*Gerne nehmen wir für diese Menschen in Not eine Spende vor. Das mit einer „Spendenbescheinigung“: Das ist für uns absolut Nebensache.*

*Die Überweisung erfolgt in den nächsten Tagen.*

*Vielen Dank.*

*Ursula + Richard Wörner*

# Spendenaufruf an unsere Bacchus-Vinothek Kunden

Freitag, 13. Oktober 2017



Sehr geehrte Kunden, liebe Freunde,

noch vor wenigen Wochen besuchten Nina und ich "unsere" Weingüter und Freunde im Napa Valley. Alle waren in Vorfreude auf die beginnende Lese. Für den Weinjahrgang 2017 standen die Zeichen auf großartig.

Dann kam das Feuer. Bilder sehen Sie in den Zeitungen und im Netz. Wir sind in Kontakt mit unseren Weingütern und Freunden. Aber Nachrichten kommen nur spärlich. Das ist nur zu verständlich. Es herrscht Zerstörung und Chaos. Über 30 Tote. Tausende haben ihr Heim verloren. Und es sind vor allem die "einfacheren" Menschen, die hiervon betroffen sind. Sozialhilfeempfänger, die in Wohnwagenparks wohnten, die nun zerstört sind, oder die mexikanischen Arbeiter und ihre Familien. Hilfe wird bestimmt kommen. Irgendwann. Aber es braucht jetzt schnell Unterstützung.

Nina und ich bitten Sie, unsere Kunden und Freunde, einen beliebigen Betrag zu spenden. Wir werden den gesammelten Betrag an folgende Organisationen überweisen:

**Napa Valley Community Foundation**

***[www.napavalleycf.org](http://www.napavalleycf.org)***

**Sonoma Resilience Fund**

***[www.sonomacf.org/sonoma-county-resilience-fund/](http://www.sonomacf.org/sonoma-county-resilience-fund/)***

Bitte helfen Sie. Jeder noch so kleine Betrag hilft Menschen in Not. \*

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Wir werden für Ihre Spende keine Spendenquittung ausstellen können.

Hier noch einige Informationen:



Auf meine besorgte mail hin erhielt ich die unten stehenden Rückmeldungen. Michael Silcacci, Headwinemaker auf Opus One, sandte ein mahnendes statement auf Instagram.



**Bild: Winesearcher**

...Thank you, one and all, for your concern. You have seen coverage and television and news sources about the destruction and devastation in Napa and Sonoma Valleys. I am here to testify it is real. Blankets of smoke and fear cover the Napa Valley. Containment will surely come, but when? Like the winds in Napa, our thoughts and feelings of good will shifted from Texas, the South, Puerto Rico, and Mexico to our community. Once the devastation is over, we will assess the damage, roll up our sleeves, and rebuild our community. We will also step back and take a global perspective. We need to nurture and support each other, no matter one's race, color, creed, political leanings. The world is in desperate need of compassionate and consensus-building leadership. Let's hope it comes soon.

**Michael Silcacci**

**Headwinemaker, Opus One**

## Massive California Wine-Country Fires Worsen, Sending More Residents Fleeing

Calistoga and Geyserville are evacuated as flames spread and dangerous winds are forecast; now at least 23 dead and seven wineries destroyed



Photo by: Getty Images

Paradise Ridge Winery is one of at least seven wineries destroyed so far.

[Kim Marcus](#), [MaryAnn Worobiec](#)

Posted: October 12, 2017

Residents of Northern California wine country were wondering if they would lose everything Wednesday as several large wildfires continued to spread throughout Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, advancing on new towns, including Calistoga and Geyserville, which are under mandatory evacuation orders.

The death toll from the fires that started Oct. 8 and 9 has risen to 23, and more than 170,000 acres, up from 124,000 on Tuesday, had burned throughout the state since Sunday night, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal Fire).

The biggest was the Atlas fire in the eastern hills of Napa County, which had topped 42,000 acres Wednesday morning and was listed as only 3 percent contained. Parts were spreading into neighboring Solano County, home to the Suisun Valley and Green Valley American Viticultural Areas. Sonoma had multiple blazes, while Mendocino's Redwood fire had grown to 30,000 acres.

Though a Tuesday respite from high winds that fanned the flames allowed firefighters to make progress, "we're not out of the woods yet," said Ken Pimlott, director of CalFire, in a midday Office of Emergency Services news conference in Sacramento attended by other state and federal emergency officials and California Gov. Jerry Brown. "And we're not going to be out of the woods for a great number of days to come."

"We are at very low containment on most of these," said Pimlott. "These fires are literally burning faster than firefighters can run."

Of the confirmed deaths, 13 occurred in Sonoma, six in Mendocino, two in Napa and two in Yuba County. Hundreds of people were missing, and 4,400 reported to be in evacuation shelters, according to the Office of Emergency Services.

A total of 3,500 homes and businesses were reported destroyed or damaged in the three northern counties. At least seven wineries have been significantly or totally damaged—five in Napa, including Signorello Estate and White Rock Vineyards; Sonoma's Paradise Ridge Vineyards and Mendocino's Frey Vineyards. Another 11 in Napa, including Stags' Leap Winery, have reported to the Napa Valley Vintners that they have some damage to the winery, other building or vineyards; Sonoma and Mendocino are still tallying damage reports.

The latest winery casualty to be confirmed in the Atlas fire is the small Patland Vineyards, founded by Henry and Olga Patland beginning with the 2007 vintage. They specialized in red wines made from their estate vineyard and nearby Stagecoach Vineyard.

Winemaker Jay Buoncristiani confirmed the news. "The Patlands' estate, perched at 1,500 feet above Soda Canyon Road, was wiped out by the fierce Atlas fire early on Sunday night," Buoncristiani told *Wine Spectator*. "I feel so badly for their loss. They are like family to me, but they are handling it amazingly well, and feel like I do: As long as lives are safe, the rest is replaceable, and things could have been far worse. In fact, Michael Patland saved his neighbor's life by waking him up and getting him out of his home, which was toasted within a short time after escaping."

As far as the Stagecoach Vineyard, no one can get close to assess the damage. Buoncristiani also can't get access to the Caves at Soda Canyon, where his wines are fermenting. "We have a lot in barrel already, but I also currently have at least seven fermentations that are running wild in the Caves, and I am so eager to get in there and check on their status and I'm prepared for the challenge to bring them home to dryness safely."

*For more updates on how the region's wineries are faring, visit "[California Fires: Damage Updates from Wineries](#)."*

Resources are now flooding into the region from throughout California and neighboring states to battle the blazes, Pimlott says. Eight thousand firefighters are now on the lines, along with 550 fire engines and 73 helicopters and 30 air tankers dropping fire retardant. An additional 170 fire engines from out of state are on their way to the region



Polaris Images

One of thousands of firefighters in the area watches smoke rise from the Tubbs fire.

That's a marked improvement in tactical support from Tuesday, when billowing smoke clouds limited the ability of aircraft to fly safely. "Today is a very different picture," said Pimlott, who noted that aircraft were up and flying this morning in "an aggressive aerial assault." In addition, 700 soldiers of the California National Guard are helping battle the fires.

On the ground, shifting winds and the spreading scope of the fires were the major concern. The 28,000-acre Tubbs fire, which had started near the northern Napa Valley town of Calistoga and quickly spread to the city of Santa Rosa to destroy entire neighborhoods, is now burning on the slopes of Mt. St. Helena. Calistoga, which lies at the base of the mountain, was under evacuation as a result.

Flames from the Nuns fire that had devastated parts of Sonoma's Glen Ellen area were now spreading up the hillsides around on Mt. Veeder, on Napa Valley's western side. Around 4 p.m. Tuesday, Carole Meredith heard a knock on the door. "Police went to every house to get people out," said the cofounder of Lagier Meredith, who lives at the winery. "This is a harrowing experience. Wish I could just fast-forward a few days and know whether our place survived," Meredith said, adding that her grapes were all in and her wine is safe in a facility on the valley floor. "Our property is both our home and our business, so it's everything."

A new fire sprung up in Sonoma County east of Boyes Hot Springs earlier today, while two other smaller ones, one near Kenwood and one east of Rohnert Park, became major concerns.

Where the fires go next and how quickly crews can bring them under control is largely due to one key factor: wind. Calistoga is in danger if the winds shift, as they were forecast to do later Wednesday. Sunday night's firestorm was stoked by gusting and bone-dry northerly winds of almost 70 mph and, according to Pimlott, a "critically dry fuel bed," resulting from the previous five years of drought.

Since abating Monday morning, red-flag fire warnings were up once again for the region through Thursday afternoon as the northerly winds were expected to return, though they were not predicted to be as strong as on Sunday. The concern, said Pimlott, is that large fires on the eastern and western ridges of Napa County and to the north could merge into one giant fire.

Evacuations were also ordered for sections of the Sonoma County town of Geyserville, where the Pocket fire also grew in size Wednesday, and were extended in the Sonoma Valley and Bennett Valley regions south of Santa Rosa. Many roads were still closed in the region to allow fire crews access, including portions of the Silverado Trail and those in the Atlas Peak region of Calistoga, as well as Highway 12 in Sonoma Valley. That's making it hard for vintners and residents to find out whether their buildings are still standing.

Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano says it could be a week or longer before residents are allowed back into evacuation areas. "Today's conditions are what we are waiting for now," Giordano said. "Evacuate to the south. If you can leave the county, even better."

*With additional reporting by Aaron Romano, Augustus Weed and Dana Nigro*

<http://www.winespectator.com/webfeature/show/id/Massive-Wildfires-Devastate-Parts-of-Napa-and-Sonoma+County>