

## Sebastiani Vineyards and Winery Announces Sale To Foley Wine Group

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The Sebastiani and Cuneo families today announced that they have entered into a transaction to sell Sebastiani Vineyards, Inc. to the Foley Wine Group. Financial details were not disclosed.

Mary Ann Cuneo, CEO and grand-daughter of the winery's founder, Samuele Sebastiani, commented on the sale, "We are confident that this transaction will strengthen Sebastiani's leading reputation as one of North America's premier producers of wine and continue the Sebastiani heritage of consistent quality and value."

Sebastiani Vineyards, Inc. was founded by Samuele Sebastiani in 1904 and offers six tiers of wine. The Sebastiani family recently completed construction of a new winery and hospitality center, renovating and remodeling the original winery building built in 1903. Since the sale of Turner Road Vintners in 2000, the Company has concentrated its efforts on ultra-premium wine marketed under the family name, Sebastiani. All of the Company's multiple varietals, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Zinfandel, are cultivated, processed and bottled in the Sonoma County using over 100 years of winemaking experience in the region to produce the perfect grape-to-site matches. "Since 2000, management has refocused the brand through an unwavering commitment to production of wines of quality and value. We are confident that Foley Wines' continued dedication to the Sebastiani tradition of excellence will facilitate a smooth transition."

Foley Wine Group, established in 1996, manages a portfolio of premier vineyards and wineries in California and the Pacific Northwest, including Foley Estates Vineyard and Winery, Lincourt Vineyards, Firestone Vineyards, Merus, Altus, Goodnight Cellars and Three Rivers Winery. "Sebastiani's well-known brand, diverse family of wines and new, state-of-art facilities offer significant capacity for future growth," says William ("Bill") P. Foley II. "Sebastiani includes a permitted production facility with a 1 million case capacity, of which 280,000 are currently utilized over five tiers of wine. We are also excited to acquire the historic Sebastiani tasting room and event center in downtown Sonoma which hosts over 225,000 visitors per year, as well as approximately 100 acres of producing vineyards in the Carneros and Sonoma Mountain appellations, including the famed Cherry Block Vineyard. We believe Sebastiani is an extremely valuable addition to our current portfolio of high quality wines." Founded by vintner Bill Foley, each property within the Foley Wine Group portfolio represents his commitment to enological discovery and sustainable farming practices.

Mary Ann further expressed her gratitude to the many people at Sebastiani Vineyards, Inc. who worked diligently over the years to enhance the brand and allowed the Company to complete this long and often complex sale process.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC acted as exclusive financial adviser and Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP acted as legal advisor to Sebastiani Vineyards, Inc.

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