

# Fresno State Viticulture Club – Est. 1952

Dear Alumni and Friends of Fresno State's Viticulture and Enology Program,

The Viticulture Club at Fresno State is pleased to announce that our **64th Annual Fall Harvest Barbeque** will be held on **Friday evening, November 11, 2016** in Fresno. You and your organization are invited to reconnect with friends at this popular event which will help support our viticulture and enology students and programs at Fresno State.

**About Us.** The Viticulture Club is proud to be one of the oldest and most dynamic clubs at Fresno State. This **64th anniversary** milestone would not be possible without the continued support from alumni and friends like you. For the last three years we have had sell-out crowds at our Fall Harvest BBQ with 400 guests from all over the state!

**Ways to Give.** We value the support we receive and encourage you to consider **joining us** at the BBQ on November 11th and/or **making a charitable contribution** to us in the form of items for the silent and live auction, wines for pouring at the dinner, or a cash donation. If you are unable to attend the Fall Harvest BBQ this year, arrangements can be made to pick up donations you might provide. All donations are tax deductible and **all sponsors for this fundraiser will be prominently recognized in our program.**

**Why Your Support Matters.** As future members of the grape and wine industry, we are committed to doing great things for the department and industry while we learn from and engage with our alumni and friends. Our organization

consists of both viticulture and enology students that are passionate about joining the industry. Each year the Viticulture Club visits a major wine growing region of California. In 2015-2016 we visited the Napa wine growing region. On this field trip, students met with viticulturists from both small and large commercial vineyards and had a chance to discuss various vineyard management techniques and winemaking practices consistent with the region. Each year the Club also hosts the California FFA Vine Pruning and Vine Judging State Championships held at Fresno State which allows high school students to explore the possibility of pursuing a degree and a career in the viticulture industry. In January, our student members were able to attend the Annual Unified Symposium in Sacramento due to funds raised at our Fall Harvest BBQ. We also gave back to the community by sponsoring a student scholarship and hosting a 5K Run through the vines during which benefited the V. E. Petrucci Library in the Department of Viticulture and Enology.

**Your help and support are greatly needed and appreciated!**

By supporting the Viticulture Club, you are helping **invest in the future of our students** while recognizing the hard work of the members that came before us, beginning in **1952**. On behalf of the 2016-2017 Viticulture Club officers and members, we look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you for supporting our 2016 Annual Fall Harvest Barbeque. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Robert Lacy, President

Fresno State Viticulture Club Tax I.D.# 47-1635556

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**Cash Donation:** I am enclosing a cash donation to support the Viticulture Club and its mission, payable to the Fresno State Viticulture Club (mail to address below by November 9). \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about purchasing a **reserved table** for my company/party at the Fall Harvest BBQ on November 11.

Sorry, I am **unable** to donate at this time. Please contact me next year.

I am a Fresno State viticulture or enology alumnus. (Visit [veaafresno.org](http://veaafresno.org) to join the Viticulture & Enology Alumni Association)

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