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Harvest Fair Names Ned Neumiller 2018 Outstanding Young Person in Agribusiness

SANTA ROSA, CA –September 25, 2018 – The Sonoma County Harvest Fair is pleased to announce that sixth generation farmer and Healdsburg native Ned Neumiller is the 2018 Outstanding Young Person in Agribusiness.

Ned represents a long line of agriculturalists with a love for wine and livestock in Sonoma County. Growing up Ned spent his afternoons at the winery and showed livestock competitively around the nation. His “great love of livestock” led him to consider pursuing a career as a large animal vet. Ned credits his interest in the agriculture industry to his FFA teacher Rob Walstrom and the course in viticulture and enology his senior year that changed his career course.

Ned is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where he received a Bachelor of Science in Fruit Science. During his time at Cal Poly, Ned interned with Bevill Vineyard Management. Bevill Vineyard Management, one of Sonoma County’s top vineyard management companies specializing in sustainable vineyard practices. He worked multiple summer and fall harvests with Bevill, learning the trade from the bottom up. He drove night harvesters and tackled anything that needed done for the team. He was quickly promoted to data programming and vineyard management.

After college he returned home to run a northern territory for Bevill Vineyard Management that encompassed the Alexander Valley and North Dry Creek Valley. He also worked in the equipment business before being named the Grower Relations and Viticulture Manager at Seghesio Family Vineyards.

When Ned joined the family business in 2012, he brought with him a breadth of knowledge in vineyard management and operations. His passion to continue his family’s rich winegrowing tradition makes him a valuable addition to Seghesio Family Vineyards and the Sonoma County wine community as a whole.

Today, every day looks a little different out in the vineyard for Ned. He manages forty growers across the state in the grower relations aspects of his role. On the viticulture management side he works with his father Jim in his 42nd harvest with Seghesio. Ned collects data that supports their actions in the vineyard on a day to day basis. He also oversees the equipment shop and equipment operators.



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The Sonoma County Harvest Fair will honor Ned Neumiller with the 2018 Outstanding Young Person in Agribusiness award during the Annual Awards Night on September 30 at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts. The celebration is open to the public with a limited number of tickets available at the Harvest Fair Box Office located at 1350 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa.

The 2018 Sonoma County Harvest Fair is October 5-7 at the Sonoma County Event Center at the Fairgrounds. Visit HarvestFair.org or call (707)545-4200 or find "Sonoma County Harvest Fair" on Facebook.

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