

People

J has new GM.

Kathryn Lindstrom was appointed general manager/chief financial officer at J Vineyards & Winery, Healdsburg, Calif. Previously, she was director of finance and administration at Opus One Winery.

Slone named Robert Craig GM.

Robert Craig Wine Cellars, Napa, promoted Elton Slone to general manager. Previously, he was director, national sales and marketing.

Promotions at Clos du Val.

Clos du Val Wine Co., Napa, promoted Robert Salz to vice president of sales and Holly Myers to vice president of marketing.

Bilodeau joins SCV.

Sonoma County Vintners (SCV) named Phil Bilodeau director of communications. Reach him at phil@sonomawine.com.

Rosenblum makes appointments.

Rosenblum Cellars, Alameda, Calif., named Montgomery Paulsen vice president of operations and Lawrence Soble as Southeast regional manager. Previously, Paulsen was director of operations for the Winery Exchange and Soble was Southeast regional manager for Renwood Winery.

Par info.

Sonoma viticulturist Sangiacomo died in April.

Robert Sangiacomo died Apr. 18 at his family ranch in Sonoma of lymphoma at age 58. A second-generation farmer, he earned a degree in viticulture and pomology from UC Davis. In 1969, he helped his family transition from orchards to one of the largest family-owned grapegrowing businesses in California, farming 1,300 acres of vineyards and selling to 60 premium wineries. Active in the Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Association, Sonoma County Grapegrowers Association, Carneros Wine Alliance and the California Association

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of Winegrape Growers, he is survived by his sister Lorraine and brothers Angelo and Victor "Buck" Sangiacomo, along with many nieces and nephews.

Wine writer Alexis Besspaloff died Apr. 22.

Alexis Jacques Besspaloff died in Las Cruces, N.M. of cancer at age 71. A native of Romania, he published six books about wine between 1971 and 1994, and was wine critic at *New York* magazine for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife, photographer Cecilia Lewis.

Bobby Fetzer killed in rafting accident.

Bobby Fetzer, one of 11 offspring of Fetzer Vineyard founders Kathleen and Bernard Fetzer, died at age 50 on Apr. 30 after he fell into the Eel River during a rafting party. After the winery was sold in 1992 to Brown-Forman Corp., Bobby Fetzer raised organic cattle and continued to grow winegrapes in Redwood Valley.

Suppliers

Scott to distribute Anchor yeasts.

Scott Laboratories, Petaluma, Calif., now has four Anchor Yeast strains, VIN 7, VIN 13, NT50 and NT116. For details, visit scottlab.com.

Artisan adds Piano® barrel.

Artisan Barrels, Oakland, Calif., now has available Piano barrels from Rousseau Père & Fils Cooperage. The French oak barrel is crafted especially for white grapes. For details, visit artisanbarrels.com.

Janson Capsules starts U.S. production.

One of Europe's largest producers, Janson begins manufacturing PVC and polylam wine capsules this month at its new Napa facility. For more information, phone (707) 330-0679.

Rivercap adds polylam capsules.

Rivercap USA, Benicia, Calif. division of Newpak USA, has added poly laminated wine capsules to its range of products in the United States. Known for its premium tin capsules,

Rivercap has sold polylam capsules in Europe for several years.

SupremeCorqX2 provides oxygen barrier.

The new synthetic stopper from Supreme Corq LLC has twice the oxygen barrier properties of the current SupremeCorq. It also provides a superior seal, uniform internal cell structure and consistent dimensions for improved bottling line performance and ease of consumer action. For details, visit supremecorq.com.

Premiere Viticulture creates new division.

Premiere Viticulture, Napa, added a division to manage its new software business, PremiereVision Software. For details, visit premierevit.com.

Winepacks has recyclable wine shippers.

Winepacks.com, online provider of wine packaging solutions, offers 100% recyclable molded fiber protection for shipping wine bottles. With a universal part that serves as the top, bottom and middle insert (for six-bottle configurations), Winepacks are ISTA-3-A certified for use in UPS and FedEx shipping. Made from 100% recycled newsprint, Winepacks can be purchased in small quantities.

Videojet coder matches high-speed production lines.

The Videojet 3320 from Videojet Technologies, Inc., is a laser coder that provides permanent marking of variable data on glass, plastic, rubber, cardboard and labels. For details, visit videojet.com.

Adams joins SVB.

Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) added Ed Adams, Jr., to the wine division in its Sonoma office as senior relationship manager. Previously, he was director and senior relationship manager for the food group at Harris Nesbitt.

Sunridge has a new sales manager.

Sunridge Nurseries, Inc., Bakersfield, Calif., hired Steve Huffman as sales manager. Previously, he was with Vintage Nurseries.



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