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Elin Miller, OWC board co-chair, appointed to Oregon Board of Agriculture

Salem, Ore. – The Oregon Wine Council (OWC) is pleased to announce the appointment of OWC board co-chair Elin Miller to the Oregon State Board of Agriculture. Elin’s appointment was effective October 29, 2020 and she will serve a four-year term. The first Board of Agriculture meeting she will attend as a member will take place on December 1 and 2.



Elin and her husband, Bill, own Umpqua Vineyards and UmpquaNut Farm, a hazelnut farm, in Douglas County. Elin is also currently a member of the Fall Creek Farm and Nursery Board. Her background includes having served as regional administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with oversight of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and various executive positions in government, private companies and non-profit organizations.

“We are thrilled that Elin has been recognized by Governor Brown as one of the leading voices on agriculture in the state of Oregon,” Fawn Barrie, OWC Executive Director, said. “Since she helped form the Oregon Wine Council in October 2019, Elin has provided invaluable leadership and guidance to Oregon’s wine industry, advocating on behalf of wineries and wine growers across the state. I have no doubt that she will provide that same level of leadership to the state through her role on the Board of Agriculture.”

In addition to Elin, nursery and farm owner Josh Zielinski was also appointed to serve on the Board of Agriculture. Elin and Josh were ultimately selected from dozens of highly qualified and diverse nominees to provide important perspectives to this important board. Elin is one of only a handful of Board of Agriculture appointees to represent Oregon’s wine industry.

The Oregon Wine Council is a statewide association representing growers, producers and businesses supporting Oregon’s thriving wine industry. Today the OWC represents over fifty percent of Oregon wine grapes grown, produced and sold. The OWC’s mission is to protect, strengthen, unify and represent the entire Oregon wine and grape industry through strong leadership for the benefit of current and future Oregon winegrowers.

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