

The logo for Tri-Valley Conservancy features the organization's name in a white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in two lines: "Tri-Valley" on top and "Conservancy" below it. Two thin, white, curved lines arch over the text, one above "Tri-Valley" and one above "Conservancy".

Tri-Valley  
Conservancy

# 2022 Annual Report

A vibrant landscape photograph showing a hillside covered in a dense field of purple lupine flowers. Interspersed among the purple flowers are several bright orange poppies. The field extends to the horizon under a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The foreground is filled with the detailed texture of the flowers and green foliage.

Preserving and protecting viticulture and open space  
in the South Livermore Valley for over 28 years

Photo by Neeta Dembla



Dear Friends,

For nearly three decades, the Tri-Valley Conservancy and our supporters have worked to protect, preserve, and promote viticulture in the South Livermore Valley.

With your help, we have also made a strong impact in protecting farms, ranches, orchards, wildlife habitats, parks, trails, and other open spaces.

This includes the permanent protection of over 5,000 acres to date!

As I approach my one-year anniversary working at the Tri-Valley Conservancy, I have been reflecting on the amazing support of our community, and how much that has enabled us to grow.

It's no secret that the Tri-Valley is a wonderful place to live. From the vibrant greens and wildflower blooms of spring to the golden hills of summer and vibrant colors of fall, our region has something to be grateful for in any season.

Some of the largest accomplishments you helped support in 2022 include:

- The majority vote passing of Measure P (Clean Water. Vibrant Wine Country. Initiative).
- Hosting our 13th Annual Uncorked Competition, showcasing the excellence of the South Livermore Valley's award-winning local wineries.
- Reintroducing our Youth in Nature environmental education program into schools in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District after COVID restrictions ended.

This year, we have big ambitions to find creative opportunities to multiply our impact and grow the organization. I thank you for your commitment to our mission.

Together, we can ensure the Tri-Valley remains an outstanding place to live and work for many years to come!

With gratitude,

David Epstein  
*Executive Director*  
Tri-Valley Conservancy



# Preserving the Tri-Valley

5,026 ACRES PROTECTED

3,882 Acres

UNDER AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT

643 Acres

UNDER HABITAT EASEMENT

500 Acres

UNDER OPEN SPACE/PARKS EASEMENT



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# Livermore Valley: Growing Wine Since 1849

Livermore Valley is one of the oldest wine regions in California.

Our terroir is distinguished by its stony soil that “stresses” the vines to produce more flavorful fruit, as well as its unique meso climate that is influenced by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. Our region’s climate makes this a prime wine growing location.

Livermore Valley was also the first region to produce varietal-labelled Chardonnays, Sauvignon Blancs, and Petite Sirahs.

To this day in California, almost 80% of the Chardonnay vines trace their lineage to a Livermore Valley clone!

Until Prohibition, Livermore Valley was home to more than 50 wineries and contributed to the enology and viticulture of the state.

Currently, the region has about 44 wineries and approximately 2,400 acres of vineyards.

Tri-Valley Conservancy is guided by the South Livermore Valley Area Plan to balance development of our region with the preservation of agricultural areas, allowing for the incubation and growth of our historical wine industry.

## Uncorked 2022 Recap



Tri-Valley Conservancy’s Uncorked Celebration serves to showcase the excellence of wines grown in the Livermore Valley AVA.

Uncorked has two important elements - the competition, in which every winemaker in the region is invited to submit their qualified wines, and the celebration, in which our community gathers to celebrate the award-winning wines.



Last year’s competition saw the entry of 140 wines from 25 wineries that were judged by a panel of sommeliers, winemakers, and consultants. The judges were led by Julie Schreiber, the Consulting Winemaker from the Wine Quality Alliance.



We again congratulate the Best of Show winner, Nottingham Cellars’ Micro Lot Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon; the Best Rosé, Almost Famous Winery’s refreshing Wine Without Borders; and Best White, Darcie Kent’s 2021 Sauvignon Blanc.

For the complete list of winning wines, please visit [trivalleyconservancy.org/shoppinglist](http://trivalleyconservancy.org/shoppinglist).



### THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS!







# Passed: Ballot Measure P

## Clean Water. Vibrant Wine Country.

The passing of Measure P makes it possible to extend city sewer services into the South Livermore Valley. This both safeguards our groundwater from contamination and is a much needed investment in the future of our Wine Country.

As approximately 1,900 acres of vineyards are near the end of their lifecycle, winegrowers can only justify replacing them if there is sufficient demand. Further wine producing investment in the region cannot be built without an economical means of disposing of their wastewater.

This measure, endorsed by organizations such as the Greenbelt Alliance, Friends of Open Space and Vineyards, Visit Tri-Valley, and many more, has three overarching goals:

- Protect groundwater
- Promote a vibrant wine country
- Preserve open space

We are proud to have played a key role in supporting this significant ballot measure's success. We look forward to the long-term economic viability and successful growth of Livermore Valley's wine region that this measure, and our other projects, contribute to!



# Stewarding Our Protected Land

Tri-Valley Conservancy visits 110 different properties with 87 different owners within Livermore and Pleasanton every year. TVC is responsible for monitoring over 5,000 acres, including viticulture, open space and parks, and habitat land.

While staff are monitoring, we observe the condition of the property to confirm that the land is in compliance within the terms of the easement. We take photos and detailed notes, allowing us to document conditions over time.

While our main objective is to monitor for compliance during our visits, we also get to document thriving wildlife, wildflowers, vineyard health, farming animals, and so much more.

Some days you might just see grapes and several different species of birds. Other days you could see a hawk soaring in the sky, a bobcat on the prowl, or even a peacock in the vineyards! There's no telling what one might see before setting off on these beautiful properties.



Tyler Gargiulo is the stewardship associate at Tri-Valley Conservancy.

This spring marks his one-year work anniversary!



Photo by Tyler Van Arsdale



# 2022 Financial Report

## Income

Programs	\$59,665
Fundraising	\$70,409
Events	\$56,500
Investments*	-\$3,630,016
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-\$3,443,442</b>

## Expenses

Programs	\$591,110
Fundraising	\$26,767
Events	\$67,372
Investments	\$194,070
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$879,319</b>

\*While 2022 was a tumultuous economic year for many, our endowment remains resilient to these common market fluctuations. Tri-Valley Conservancy's accreditation comes with strict guidelines for how we manage our assets so that we ensure our existence in perpetuity. For further questions, you may reach us at [info@trivalleyconservancy.org](mailto:info@trivalleyconservancy.org).

*Unaudited numbers. Please visit [trivalleyconservancy.org](http://trivalleyconservancy.org) for the full audit values once available. Fundraising values reflect investments made for future fundraising, event and grant efforts.*

# Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

## \$5,000+

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## \$100 - \$249

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Alden Lane Nursery  
Anonymous x 3  
Dick and Bonnie Bartlett  
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Big White House  
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# Environmental Education: Youth in Nature 2021-2022

953 Students  
EDUCATED OUTDOORS

36 Classes  
OF FOURTH GRADERS SERVED

11 Schools  
PARTICIPATING IN OUR PROGRAM

The Youth in Nature program was a tremendous success throughout Livermore in the 2021-2022 school year!

The program takes place over the course of three lessons, two days with the educator in the fourth-grade classrooms and one field trip to Holdener Park.

It focuses on hands-on, experiential methods in kids' local environment to build an understanding of core concepts through active learning.



We are so grateful for your support over the years, and are asking for your help again.

We work to protect agricultural land and open space both in South Livermore and the greater Tri-Valley. This land is the foundation of our thriving wine industry, and unites our vibrant community.

The Tri-Valley is unique in its history, culture, and environment—and we want to keep it that way!

Make a difference by donating today.



Scan this code with your phone or visit [trivalleyconservancy.org/how-to-help/donate](https://trivalleyconservancy.org/how-to-help/donate) to make a donation.

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