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Tri-Valley Conservancy

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



A LOOK BACK AT 2020



Our mission is to promote economically sustainable vineyards and orchards while increasing permanently protected and biologically diverse open spaces.

This has been a tumultuous year for many, and we appreciate your continued support now more than ever.

This past year, we continued our dedication to protecting agricultural and open space land by preserving an additional 425 acres for future generations to enjoy. We also hosted our 11th Annual Uncorked Competition, selecting the best wines Livermore Valley has to offer - [Click to see the best in class.](#)

This year has been especially challenging for teachers and students. In response, we moved our Youth in Nature program resources online, that way our program can accompany them wherever and whenever they explore nature!

In 2020, we also set some big goals for the future. By partnering with the UC Agricultural Issues Center and community groups, we continue to develop solutions that will support our evolving Wine Country and adapt to the changing climate.

Many of our beautiful landscapes are vanishing and being depleted: but with your help, we are on track to preserve even more unique lands in 2021. We are currently hard at work on the protection of several properties, including the biologically unique Springtown Preserve alkali sink wetlands.

We hope join us this year at Livermore Valley Uncorked in celebration of local wine production and our beautiful valley. Together, we can continue to create a future that preserves the beauty and character of the Tri-Valley for all to enjoy.

Sincerely Yours,

Laura Mercer

IN 2020, WE ADDED TWO NEW PROPERTIES

Lund Ranch

75.6 Acres

Located in the greater Diablo Mountain Range, the newly protected Lund Ranch was once a working cattle ranch operating within the rolling hills of Pleasanton.

More than 75 acres of this ranch are now protected forever.

The land is a mix of foothill grasslands, a complex of oak and riparian woodlands, and seasonal wetlands.

This site provides a permanent habitat for endangered California tiger salamanders that thrive in these seasonal wetlands - which are rapidly disappearing in California.

This idyllic landscape will eventually be opened to the public for hiking and recreation for all to enjoy.

While you are there, keep an eye out for the many raptors, squirrels, gophers, deer, coyotes, and even the American badgers that call this land home.



G3

349.5 Acres

The G3 Property consists of almost 350 acres of rich habitat land that is actively being restored with ponds and suitable grasses for the Californian tiger salamander and red-legged frog.

The rehabilitated aquatic habitat will provide much-needed breeding grounds for these endangered species. Unique Alkali grassland and meadows cover the floodplain of Frisk Creek that runs through the property - crucial for the salt-tolerant plants and animals that depend on them.

This land is also home to the endangered San Joaquin Kit Fox, which rely on grass-land soils to create underground dens.



Through the combined efforts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Tri-Valley Conservancy, this land will be preserved for generations to come.

OUR PROMISE TO CONSERVE IN PERPETUITY

In 2020, the Tri-Valley Conservancy successfully met all qualification criteria required to renew our accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance.

Land Trust Accreditation is a mark of distinction, showing that a land trust meets high standards for land conservation. Accreditation is a catalyst for improvement, which results in faster, better, stronger conservation. The accreditation seal offers the assurance that a land trust can keep the promise of perpetuity and that it is worthy of the public trust.

Accredited land trusts meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. These land trusts demonstrate their commitment to excellence by adopting Land Trust Standards and Practices, the ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust.





This program has served over 3,000 children in the Tri-Valley!

The youth program is 100% free

YOUTH IN NATURE

Over the course of 5 years, TVC has hosted nearly 3,000 local fourth-grade students in the outdoor education experience, Discovery: Youth In Nature program.

Due to the pandemic, we are disappointed to not have the opportunity to take 4th Graders out on a local hike to discover open space with us. Throughout the course of this year, TVC has been monitoring the challenges our schools have faced due to restrictions and safety protocols.

Simultaneously, our team remained committed to the ideals of nature and open space being a basic human right, and a necessity in physical and emotional health. With a new norm in mind (for now!), we are excited to share with you the launch of our free [“Discovery: Youth In Nature - At Home!” web-based outdoor ed program](#). This at-home version was created with teacher input to meet CA Curriculum Standards and be highly engaging for 4th graders.

With the strength of our community rallying to protect each of our neighbors from this world-wide pandemic, we hope you will join us in engaging youth on the critical importance of preserving open space, sustainability of agricultural lands, and the protection of wildlife habitats by making a donation today.

Support the Youth In Nature Program

PRESENT WORK

We are thrilled to report that in 2020, our grand total of land preserved in the Tri-Valley rose to **4,665 acres!** Over 425 acres of land was added last year, with **349.5 acres** from the G3 Project and another **75.6 acres** from Lund Ranch. This land will be permanently protected for the benefit of biodiversity, agriculture, environmental health, green spaces, and so much more!

Out of all the land we protect, **3,431 acres (73.5%)** are maintained for agricultural practices - growing the local food and wine that sustains our region. If you've been to a local farmer's market, you can definitely appreciate the abundance grown in the Tri-Valley! Through our advocacy and promotion, we are proud to support our wine community, many of which are small family-owned businesses.

For the enjoyment of the community, **1,234 acres (26.5%)** are being preserved through open space, habitat, and parks. This land currently supports threatened species, like the California Tiger Salamander, California Red-Legged Frog, and San Joaquin Kit Fox. This land isn't going anywhere - and neither are the critical species that call it home! We will continue to preserve unique and sensitive lands for these animals to live.

This past year has been a struggle for so many, and we have been inspired by the resilience of our community. The Tri-Valley Conservancy remains dedicated to keeping our land productive and protected for you and future generations.

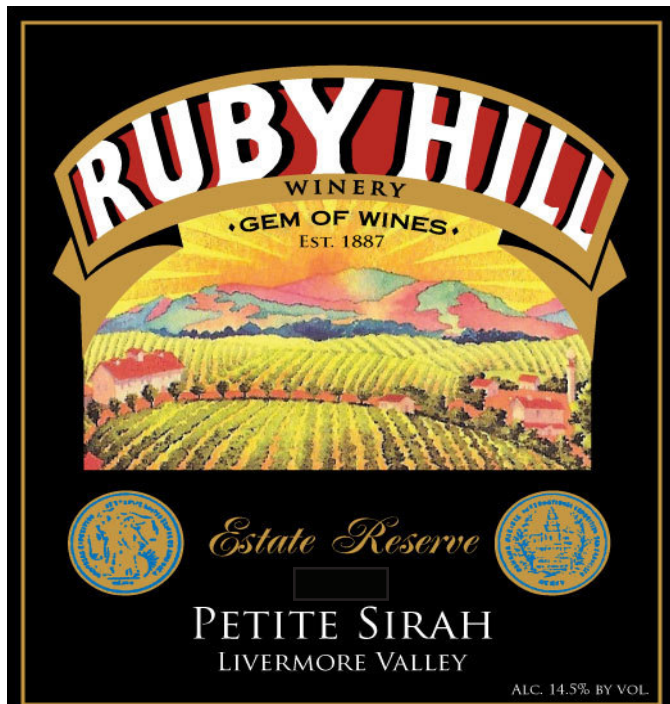


VIRTUAL UNCORKED COMPETITION!

The 11th Annual Livermore Valley Uncorked Competition continued the trend of showcasing the impressive varietals grown and blended in our Livermore Valley Wineries. It has been amazing witnessing the resiliency and care shown throughout the wine making community. We look forward to seeing you this year at our Livermore Valley Uncorked Celebration!



Best Red AND Best In Show:
[2016 Reserve Ruby Hill Petite Sarah](#)



PUTTING YOUR DONATIONS TO WORK

We are incredibly thankful that despite the circumstances of 2020, we were able to continue to preserve and advocate for land in the Tri-Valley.

Your generous support helped us weather this storm. Perpetuity is a long time, and your contribution will help protect the land and nature in your area forever.

This year, we were successfully reaccredited with the Land Trust Alliance. It has reaffirmed our commitment to sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship. The Land Trust Standards and Practices ensure that we are operating at the highest level for active and enduring land preservation.

We also completed a successful 2019 audit that is now available on [our website](#). Our financial data from 2020 is still being verified, however we can share with you our unaudited progress from this past year.

We are humbled and thankful for the support that you showed during the last year when we were unable to hold fundraising events. Your support ensured that we could continue our work preserving land, supporting our wine community, and educating youth.

Going into 2021, we are positioned to preserve even more land in North Livermore and beyond, and we are looking forward to sharing our progress with you!

Revenue	
\$530,311	Reserve
\$97,243	Fundraising
\$687,969	Program
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\$1,315,523	Total
Expenses	
\$27,980	Management
\$32,485	Fundraising
\$756,413	Program
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\$816,878	Total

FUTURE PROJECTS

In 2021, we are focusing on:

- Fulfilling the goals of South Livermore Valley Area Plan to protect, enhance and increase viticulture by extending services to rural households and encouraging community investment.
- Partnering with Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association to support new farmers, share information, and enhance the quality of wine grown in the Livermore Valley.
- Protecting sensitive alkali sink habitat land in North Livermore Springtown Preserve that will help save the habitats of some of California's rarest plants, animals and birds, including the native Livermore tarplant. This area is an "ecological raw diamond" as it holds some of the last remaining Alkali wetlands in California.

We appreciate you continuing to grow with us. To further support the work of the Tri-Valley Conservancy, [please consider making a donation.](#)

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In Memory: Donna Garrison, Wayne Harter, Pat Harvey, Renzo Lazzarato, Jean Rozsnyau

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Those in our memory:

Donations to the Tri Valley Conservancy were made on behalf of the following individuals: Donna Garrison, Wayne Harter, Pat Harvey, Renzo Lazzarato, and Jean Rozsnyai.



Our Spotlight volunteer:

We cannot do the work that we do without our amazing volunteers! We would like to extend a special thank you to our star volunteer in 2020, Meera Popli. Meera went above and beyond to serve in and out of the office during these difficult times. She was invaluable to the Youth in Nature Program, social media, and helping the land trust run smoothly. Thank you!



Thank you, Art Jeannet:

Art served the Tri-Valley Conservancy board of directors for 8 years. In that time, he oversaw 8 successful audits, served on the Board Governance Committee and Economically Sustainable Agriculture Committee. He supported several major events including Uncorked and contributed to the increase of preserved land, including habitat mitigation land. Thank you, Art, for your service!



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