

Dear Wake Forest Alumni,

Those of you who were able to join us at our Streakin' Deacon Event this year got to sample some of the joys of wine country. It was definitely a great time of fellowship and wine....and what a contrast a just a few months later.

It has been a week plus of drama and uncertainty in wine country and almost 3000 homes were destroyed in Sonoma County alone. The fires aren't out yet but it seems like, in most cases, the major threats to heavily populated areas are contained. Things can change quickly but we are optimistic at this point that the worst is behind us and the recovery can begin.



Our employees are all safe and no one at our winery lost their home. Our vineyards and facilities are all safe now as well. Our grapes were all picked well before the fires started and our 2017 vintage should not impacted at all by the fires.

We are creating a special opportunity to support **Sonoma County and the Sonoma 4Cs**. We are offering a four bottle collection comprised of **1 bottle each of 2015 Flanagan Chardonnay RRV, 2015 Flanagan Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, 2015 Flanagan Syrah Bennett Valley, and 2014 Flanagan Cabernet Sonoma County**. The price for the 4 bottle collection is \$284 and **we will donate \$50 to Sonoma 4Cs** for each purchase. As a thank you and another way for us to contribute Flanagan Wines will pay for your shipping. Click **HERE** to see the offering.

You can also donate directly to the **Sonoma 4Cs**. **The Sonoma County 4Cs (www.sonoma4cs.org)** will be on the forefront of community support. The 4cs runs 12 preschools that serve 700 children from lower income families and they also provide nutritious meals and parenting support. I can promise you that the 4Cs will make good use of whatever you give them and will use it to help families in **Sonoma County**. Our daughter Riley has worked with them since 8th grade and they are a wonderful support to our community. Thank you!

Thank you for all your support and friendship during this extremely challenging time.

All the best,

Eric Flanagan and Family

Wake class of '85