



**Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association
Supports Howell Mountain Elementary School with Event and Donations**

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Angwin, CA – The Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association (HMVGA) was delighted once again to support the Howell Mountain Elementary School with proceeds from their annual wine tasting and charity auction, Taste of Howell Mountain.

This year the Howell Mountain Elementary School was given a wonderful opportunity to join the New Tech Network; a growing movement of progressive schools that engage students in a collaborative way to maximize their learning experience! This amazing journey on which the school has embarked carries a cost though, one of which is the need for a true student to computer ration of 1:1.

Thanks to previous donations from the HMVGA and Taste of Howell Mountain donors, the school was close to meeting this 1:1 computer/student ratio...very close. In order to see this goal met the school needed one more set of laptops, which they estimated would cost \$15,000! Their hope was that they could open their doors on August 20th and see a computer or iPad in the hands of every child! Thanks to the HMVGA and Taste of Howell Mountain donors their funding needs were met during the special Fund A Need portion of the Live Auction...congratulations and thanks so much to all of our donors!

This year, the HMVGA and Taste of Howell Mountain also donated over \$53,000 to the Howell Mountain Education Foundation which channels the money where needed most into the Howell Mountain Elementary School. This is a long-standing tradition of support of the school by the wine industry on the mountain and will continue in 2015 at the 20th Annual Taste of Howell Mountain.