



Dear Members,

I hope this letter finds you healthy! We are already three months into the new year, and spring has arrived. Two years ago this month, we entered a period that profoundly affected everyone in some way. As much as we would like to forget it ever happened, I'm sure we never will. Although it has been extremely difficult physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially, I'm very proud of our Suisun Valley community's resilience.

Suisun Valley Vintners & Growers Association continues to stride forward on many strategic plan elements. The board of Directors took proactive measures to the annual budget during the pandemic that left our association financially healthy. In 2021 we were able to host Passport Sunday and the AVA Anniversary Celebration safely, which is extremely important to our annual budget. More than two-thirds of our income is derived from those two events enabling the membership dues to remain reasonable and fair across all membership levels. I would personally like to thank the wineries and venues that participate for their significant contribution of wine and staffing to make these events possible.

In November of 2021, we were finally able to host our annual meeting/dinner in person at Village 360 (Thank you to the Anselmo's for hosting). During my life here in the valley, I have never witnessed more excitement than I did that evening from our community for the future of Suisun Valley. The BOD will soon set a date for this year's annual meeting/dinner and the Associate Member's BBQ that unfortunately had to be canceled over the past two years; stay tuned!

It is no secret that Suisun Valley has gone through a major transformation with huge investments from many stakeholders bringing financial sustainability to the future of agriculture in our community. None of this would have been possible without the formation of the Suisun Valley Vintners & Growers Association, the financial support of the Suisun Valley Fund (City of Fairfield & Solano Irrigation District), and the close collaboration with the County of Solano in the creation of the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan. Even though the valley has made great strides, we are just getting started with much more to accomplish!

Together with our community, the support of your membership, and the leadership of the Board of Directors, we can continue to enhance Suisun Valley for everyone's enjoyment.

Salute!


Ron Lanza