



May 12, 2021

Dear Dr. Davis and Linfield University Board of Trustees,

For the past 35 years, the International Pinot Noir Celebration (IPNC) has valued its unique partnership with Linfield University to host one of America's longest-running wine festivals. Our partnership has helped grow our community by raising the awareness of the Oregon wine industry and Linfield University to a national audience.

We are deeply appreciative of our long-term relationship.

However, we are troubled and unsettled by the allegations brought forth at Linfield University over the past year. Further, we are extremely concerned about how the matter has been handled. It has caused us to look internally to define what the IPNC stands for and our own values. Our goal is to foster curiosity, friendliness, open-mindedness, and respect. We will not tolerate harassment or bigotry, in any form, at in-person or online IPNC events. Our values extend not only to how our guests, staff, featured wineries, and restaurant partners act at our events, but also our vendor relationships, including our partnership with Linfield University.

The IPNC Board of Directors is extremely concerned with how the situation has been managed thus far. We ask that Linfield University make necessary changes immediately to align its values and integrity with our community. Further, we ask that Linfield University reevaluate its sexual harassment and code of conduct policies. Finally, we expect transparency in all matters going forward and integrity in all actions. If changes are not made, unfortunately we will be forced to consider alternative locations to host Oregon's most time-honored wine tradition.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifford Robben".

Clifford Robben
President, Board of Directors
International Pinot Noir Celebration