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Domaine Bonneau du Martray partners with American vintner E. Stanley Kroenke

January 5th 2017.The Le Bault de la Morinière family, owner of the renowned Domaine Bonneau du Martray in France's Burgundy region, has sold a majority stake, subject to the usual conditions precedent, in its Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru and Corton Grand Cru estate to American vineyard proprietor and businessman E. Stanley Kroenke.

Famous for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, Domaine Bonneau du Martray has been in the Le Bault de la Morinière family for nearly 200 years. The family will continue to be involved alongside Mr. Kroenke, whose Californian wine properties include Screaming Eagle, Jonata and The Hilt vineyards.

The partnership between these two great vineyard custodians opens new horizons for Domaine Bonneau du Martray. Both are committed to the future of the estate, continuing the excellence of the wines and maintaining its autonomy while building an unparalleled international venture.

Armand de Maigret, the French general manager for Mr. Kroenke's vineyards, will supervise the property while maintaining its unique identity.

"We are delighted to partner with Stan Kroenke and his highly-respected team," said Jean-Charles Le Bault de la Morinière, the estate's general manager. "This partnership will enable us to strengthen our international reach further."

Said de Maigret: "It is our great privilege to welcome to our wine family one of the most elegant and historic properties in Burgundy and the world. We would like to thank Jean-Charles for his leadership over the past 20 years and for preserving his family's pristine legacy. We look forward to learning from this great institution and working together to build on its traditions."

About the Domaine Bonneau du Martray:

Located in the village of Pernand-Vergelesses, in the Côte d'Or region of France, Domaine Bonneau du Martray is one of the greatest and most celebrated vineyards in Burgundy. It comprises 11 hectares (approximately 27 acres) in a single contiguous plot located in the Charlemagne *climat*, producing Grand Cru wines exclusively under the appellations "Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru" and "Corton Grand Cru." The Domaine is recognized for the distinction of its wines, the excellence of its *terroir*, and for its pioneering work in biodynamic farming.

About Screaming Eagle, Jonata and The Hilt:

Located in California, Screaming Eagle, Jonata and The Hilt are some of the most prestigious estates in the United States. International wine critics and connoisseurs regularly consider their wines among the finest in the world. Screaming Eagle produces two of the most striking new world Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot wines. Jonata is famous for the finesse of its Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc wines. The Hilt is recognized as one of the premier new Chardonnay and Pinot Noir producers in the U.S.

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