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An Innovative Evening of Oregon Wine and Film

Reception features wine tasting and guest appearance from John Paul, owner of Cameron Wines

EUGENE, ORE. – Beyond Toxics and Sundance Wine Cellars are co-hosting the documentary, ***Break from the Herd***, on Tuesday, November 27 for a free screening. The evening starts at Sundance Wine Cellars at 5 pm with a reception and wine tasting with John Paul, an Oregon-based pioneer of sustainable winemaking and dry-farmed vineyards. Sundance will offer a selection of wines from his Cameron Winery for a \$10 tasting fee, with all proceeds going to Beyond Toxics.

The documentary, ***Break from the Herd***, produced by Oregon filmmakers Monica Murray and Chris Holmes, turns its lens on three views of our food system: science, soil and water. The film charts the course of three agronomic mavericks, influential Oregon winemaker John Paul, former USDA research entomologist Dr. Jonathan Lundgren and third generation farmer Gail Fuller. Exploring the risks these farmers have taken to blaze new trails towards a fruitful, sustainable future for agriculture, their stories relate how a thoughtful visionaries are standing up for the integrity of scientific research, persisting against all odds to grow healthy soil, and persevering to conserve natural resources. More about [Break from the Herd](#).

The free film screening begins at 6:30 pm at Roosevelt Middle School with a conversation about food security, pollinator protection and sustainable agriculture. The film's first protagonist, Dr. Lundgren, filed a whistleblower complaint against the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2015 for blocking his research into the dangerous effects of neonicotinoid pesticides on bees and other pollinators. John Paul, owner of Cameron Vineyards in Yamhill County pioneers techniques for no-irrigation vineyards.

Beyond Toxics is working to protect Oregon's pollinators from neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides that decimate bee populations and threaten our state's food supply and those who already struggle to put healthy food on their tables. **According to the USDA, one in seven Oregonians faced food insecurity last year.** Rising food prices and dwindling supplies of nutritious, culturally appropriate foods will place the burden of pollinator decline excessively onto vulnerable communities already unfairly impacted by environmental degradation and hunger.

WHAT: A wine tasting reception, followed by a free screening of the film ***Break from the Herd***

WHERE: Sundance Wine Cellars: 2441 Hilyard St., Eugene, OR 97405 and

Film Screening @ Roosevelt Middle School: 500 E 24th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405

WHEN: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

TIMES: Wine Tasting from 5-6 pm (\$10), Film Showing from 6:30-8:30 pm (Free)

Beyond Toxics promotes environmental justice engagement and community-based environmental grassroots organizing to ensure environmental protection and health for all communities.