



## **Rutherford Wine Company Taps Veteran Sales Manager Leslie Defries For Midwest Regional Sales Manager**

**Rutherford, CA—July 24, 2017**—Today, Rutherford Wine Company is pleased to announce Leslie Defries joins the company as Midwest Regional Sales Manager. She will oversee all sales in the Midwest for the Napa Valley-based Rutherford Wine Company’s multi-brand portfolio.

Defries comes to Rutherford Wine Company with more than a decade of wine and spirits sales experience. She began her wine industry career with Johnson Brothers Wholesale in Minnesota. Most recently, she led the Western Control Division as VP Division Sales, for Beam Suntory. Defries also gained experience as a member of Terlato Wines International, working as a District Manager in the Midwest. She holds a degree from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

“Leslie’s proven track record in distribution and account management stood out for us. She has the multi-brand portfolio experience and skills we were looking for to fill this important role,” remarked Morgan Zaninovich, General Manager of Rutherford Wine Company. “We are anticipating great contributions from Leslie.”

Defries joins a talented sales team and will report to Rutherford Wine Company’s VP of National Sales, Michael Onslager. Defries resides in Twin Cities, MN with her two sons.



Family owned and managed for three generations, Rutherford Wine Company is dedicated to the art of crafting fine wine. Based in the renowned Rutherford appellation in Napa Valley, their extensive portfolio includes Rutherford Ranch Winery, Scott Family Estate, Predator Wines, Rhiannon Red Wine, Lander-Jenkins, and Round Hill California wines. The range of brands showcases the diversity of California’s many appellations and the unique personality of each site. These acclaimed wines, named some of Napa’s greatest values by critic Robert Parker, come from a family who is committed to sustainability, both at the winery and in the vineyard. The winery and estate vineyard are proudly certified by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance.

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