Richard K. Sauret Viticulture & Enology Scholarship

The Richard K. Sauret Viticulture & Enology Scholarship was established in honor of Richard Sauret and provides an opportunity for students desiring to study viticulture or enology at a four-year college or university.

Richard’s family moved to the Paso Robles area in 1885, where he was later born in 1935. At the age of 7, Richard was picking grapes, pruning vines, and pulling weeds to help pay for his school clothes. At 17, he planted his first vines, Zinfandel.

He loved his vineyards and spent most of his time in the vineyards. Richard really enjoyed conquering the challenges and opportunities each new year brought with ever changing environmental conditions.

Since then, his fruit has gone into wines at the forefront of Paso Robles winery history. In 2002 and 2003 Richard’s Rosenblum Zinfandels were ranked in Wine Spectator’s Top 100 wines of the year, he was featured in American Vineyard Magazine in 2006, and he was honored twice by California Mid State Fair as the “Grower of the Year”. Richard Sauret is truly one of the fathers of the Paso Robles wine industry. His grandchildren are the fifth generation of the Sauret’s to live in Paso Robles.

His knowledge base led him to be very respected in the wine grape industry and he was always been eager to share that knowledge, especially with the younger generations coming into the industry. Richard’s wish was to support and encourage students pursuing careers in Viticulture & Enology through his Scholarship Fund today.