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Mr. Matt Pihl  
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Dear Matt:

On behalf of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences and the Oregon Wine Research Institute (OWRI), thank you for the outstanding work your team performed to improve the entry and road quality at the OSU Woodhall Research Vineyard.

Woodhall is an essential component of the “vine to wine” research program at OWRI. Some of the most important discoveries that have pushed wine quality in Oregon, such as grape clones, rootstocks, canopy-crop-vineyard floor management and many others, were the result of studies performed at Woodhall. Woodhall also plays an important role in hosting industry workshops and field days. For years, staff, students, and visitors to the vineyard have had difficulty navigating the steep driveway at the vineyard and some may have decided not to attend events as a result. Because of your efforts this will no longer be a problem.

We are aware that Pihl Excavating has been involved in many of Oregon’s most visible wine projects and greatly appreciate your generous donation of time, talent, and equipment services. We would like to thank you for your personal commitment and attention to this project. It was great to have you on the worksite leading the project along with our vineyard supervisor, Scott Robbins. Thanks as well to Joel Mauer and Austin Duyck for their time and skill that made this project a success. It was impressive to see your team at work!

Your significant contribution is part of a major face-lift for Woodhall that will elevate its status and profile as a research, teaching, and outreach vineyard. Once the Woodhall improvements have been completed (in late 2016 or 2017), we will host an open house to celebrate the renovation and recognize all who made the renovation possible. At that time, it will be our privilege and pleasure to more formally recognize your generosity and efforts.

Thanks again for your generous donation to the improvement of grape and wine research at OSU, which will in direct and indirect ways, benefit the wine industry throughout Oregon.

Sincerely,

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