

# Jim Regusci

## 2026 Napa Valley Grower of the Year

**WHEREAS**, each year the Napa Valley Grapegrowers (NVG) presents the **2026 Napa Valley Grower of the Year Award** to a vineyard owner or manager who exemplifies leadership and innovation, a strong commitment to sustainable practices, recognized leadership in agricultural preservation, dedicated community focus and contributions to the Napa Valley community, and someone who actively promotes Napa's reputation for the highest quality vineyards; the 2026 honoree is Board Member **Jim Regusci**; and

**WHEREAS**, born and raised in Napa Valley as a third-generation farmer with deep roots in the Stags Leap District, **Jim** gained experience from an early age growing up on his family's ranch. His grandfather established the family ranch in 1932, laying the foundation for a multi-generational farming legacy, and **Jim** continues to steward this land alongside his family, maintaining a strong connection to both agriculture and community. Married to Laura Regusci, **Jim** is the proud father of James Regusci Jr. and Alicia Regusci, and a loving stepfather to Jake and Andrew Mendes; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim** seamlessly bridges generational wisdom with a forward-looking mindset and continuously innovates farming practices while preserving the heritage of the valley. **Jim** is known for his humility, authentic leadership, and is a master at building lasting and meaningful relationships. His deep care for his community was brilliantly displayed during the COVID-19 pandemic when he and his wife launched a food program to provide fresh ranch-grown produce and protein to employee families, which has since become a cherished year-round tradition. **Jim's** hands-on efforts and deployment of resources during the Atlas Peak Fire and the 2020 wildfires played a critical role in mitigating fire spread and assisting neighbors in need; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim's** dedication to mentoring youth and educating future generations continues to inspire a deeper connection to agriculture and land stewardship. **Jim** also has a deep commitment to sustainable and regenerative farming practices that consistently yield world-class fruit, further cementing Napa's global reputation for excellence. He has supported the organization's mission of promoting agricultural excellence and sustainability, including co-chairing and hosting Harvest STOMP in 2017, benefiting both Napa Valley Grapegrowers and the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim's** dedication to NVG and the future of Napa Valley agriculture and grape growing is truly remarkable. His leadership and unwavering commitment make him an invaluable asset to the industry. He is deeply invested in the success of the valley and will continue to be a driving force in shaping its future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, does hereby congratulate **Jim Regusci** for being selected as the **2026 Napa Valley Grower of the Year**, and we join the Napa Valley Grapegrowers in honoring **Jim** for his accomplishments and contributions to the greater Napa County community.

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