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Winters receives Oregon Wine Leadership Award

SALEM, OR - Yesterday, the Oregon Winegrowers Association presented their first Oregon Wine Leadership Award to Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem). Jim Bernau of Willamette Valley Vineyards presented the award on behalf of the association in recognition of Winters' long-time leadership on promoting Oregon wines through policy initiatives.

"The wine industry has brought so much to Oregon," said Winters. "From providing jobs to attracting tourism, Oregon wineries have given us so much more than wine! I am honored to receive this award, and look forward to working with the wine industry in the years to come!"

In 2011 Winters was the chief sponsor of SB 442, establishing the wine country license plate program. As of December 31, 2017, 37,073 plates have been sold, generating over \$1 million in revenue. The bill provides grants to promote the Oregon wine region, tourism, and the culinary industry.

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