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established and treasured AVA (American Viticultural Area).

LongSword Vineyard's first vintage of estate chardonnay produced from the 10 acres of vines was released in 2001. In the early days, the "tasting room" was a tiny building positioned right off Highway 238 and run by Matt; his then wife, Maria; and her brother, Tony (Manuel), who still works at LongSword. With three outdoor tables and three parking spaces, it was a humble operation that is remembered fondly by the Applegate community. You can still see its gravel footprint to the east of the driveway when you enter the property.

After an additional eight years working in his corporate job in order to supply the capital necessary to build and run the business, Matt was able to move to the Applegate in 2007 and began living his dream full-time. In 2009 he joined in partnership with another small vineyard

down the road and built the current tasting room. Now able to produce more varietals of wine, Matt began building the LongSword wine club.

The dissolution of the partnership in 2012 left the business in a state of upheaval. Thankfully, one of Matt's closest friends, the late Jim Devitt, of Devitt Winery, helped support him through this difficult time. This transition also opened the way for a new collaboration between Matt and his niece, Kate Vangeloff, who moved to the Applegate Valley in 2015 to help him rebuild the business. During their eight-year partnership, Matt produced some of his finest wines. At the same time, LongSword became known as a community hub that hosted fun, unique events for locals and travelers alike.

Matt was a one-of-a-kind person, with a wry sense of humor and an unshakable belief in himself and his dream. Underneath his often-churlish exterior, he could be disarming and endearing. He was a highly sensitive person with a deep,

enduring love for all plants and animals. He was fiercely intelligent and an outspoken advocate for science. He valued both research and experimentation, an ethos he brought to both his winemaking and his care of the land at LongSword Vineyard. He loved LongSword more than anything in the entire world, except perhaps his many canine companions that he cared for over the years. His first Aussie, Miss Beatty, was a fixture on the farm for years, followed by Rogue, who is now enjoying retirement from the farm at Kate's house in Medford.

There is no doubt Matt will be remembered by the Applegate community for years to come, and he will be greatly missed by friends and family. He is survived by his nieces, Kate and Abbey Vangeloff, and his sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Jim Vangeloff.

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