**About Eola Hills**

**Tom Huggins, General Manager & Founder**

Passionate about grapes and good wine, Tom Huggins took a huge leap of faith in 1982. The former specialist in agriculture insurance, whose clients were many of the pioneer wineries in and around Oregon’s Willamette Valley, planted a vineyard.

After wrestling with the grape-growing process for 3 years, Tom concluded it was time to make another move and get into the wine making business. Growing **Pinot Noir** was not that difficult. However, selling your crop to other Oregon winemakers had become challenging at best.

Today, as in the beginning, Tom’s business philosophy for producing good wine has always proven to be a sound strategy. “Never lose sight of the fact,” he says, “that the secret to making great wines is rooted in where the grapes are grown. That’s the reason Willamette Valley’s **Pinot Noir** has attained such notoriety.”

These days, Tom’s energies are focused on identifying long-range opportunities for Eola, which he recently expressed when stating, “Time waits for no one. Being an Oregon grape grower and vintner, it’s time to seize the moment. Consumer’s palates are growing more sophisticated, and that’s something we must keep up with.”

*“Looking back, the growth in the Oregon wine industry has been phenomenal. Eola Hills was the 42nd bonded winery in Oregon. Now, 30 years later, there are over 500! Having an established reputation as a producer of wines of great consumer value, the one thing we can’t do is rest on our laurels. The fact is, there are more wineries coming on board, all competing to establish that same reputation. So we must expand our goals to reach a higher end consumer. The 162 acre Legacy Vineyard is being developed in the Eola Hills to accomplish this very goal. With plans for a subterranean tasting room with a cave entrance, a country inn and spa, a new state of the art gravity flow winery, and breathtaking vistas everywhere on the property, Legacy promises to be the destination winery in the Willamette Valley, drawing the locals and travelers alike!”*

—Tom Huggins, Founder