

Haynes Boone Represents Denner Vineyards in Sale to Gallo Winery

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A Haynes Boone deal team led by Partner **Megan Gess** represented Denner Vineyards, a producer of critically acclaimed wines from California's Central Coast, in the sale of its business to E. & J. Gallo Winery.

The transaction was announced Nov. 10.

Located in the Willow Creek District of Paso Robles, California, Denner Vineyards includes a tasting room, a gravity-flow winery designed to fit into the hillside of the surrounding vineyards, the Denner brand and the estate vineyards.

"Gallo is a family company with a commitment to quality. I have no doubt they will be good stewards of the land and preserve our legacy of creating sought-after wines and offering best-in-class winery experiences," company founder Ron Denner said in a release announcing the transaction.

A partner in Haynes Boone's Orange County, California office, Megan has extensive experience advising companies on sophisticated M&A, corporate governance, private equity and commercial transactions. She was named one of the nation's leading female dealmakers in 2022 by the Global M&A Network, LLC.

She was assisted in the transaction by Associates [Hayley Hervieux](#), **Matthew Thompson**, **Maseo Brown** (M&A) and a cross-practice team that included: Partner [Tamara Devitt](#) (Labor & Employment); Counsel **Farr Nolen** (Real Estate); Partner [Randy Colson](#) and Associate [Annie Allison](#) (Intellectual Property); Partner [Mitch Miller](#) (Trust & Estates); Partner **Michael Threet** (Tax); and Partner [Laura Martone](#) and Associate [Robin Ladd](#) (Finance).

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