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Remi Cohen Became Domaine Carneros CEO At An Especially Challenging Moment

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Remi Cohen joined Domaine Carneros as CEO on the first day of the 2020 harvest. Despite her 20 years of experience in many facets of the wine industry, Cohen could not possibly have been completely prepared for a harvest season impacted by the effects of Covid-19 and wine country wildfires. Protocols had to be set in place to protect vineyard workers from potential exposure to Covid-19, and two weeks later wildfires impacted the area surrounding the vineyards and winery.

Continuing Domaine Carneros' history of female leadership, Cohen is taking over the position vacated by founding winemaker and former CEO Eileen Crane. Cohen holds a Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master's in Viticulture from University of California, Davis and an MBA in Finance from Golden State University. She is also a certified sommelier, which is an advantage overseeing a winery which is known for its luxurious hospitality and tasting program.

"Eileen Crane, the founding winemaker and former CEO of Domaine Carneros, has left an amazing legacy for me. Both of the families that own Domaine Carneros, the Taittinger and Kopf families, are pleased with the current trajectory of the business so any changes will continue to build upon, refine, and expand the existing vision. As an example, Domaine Carneros has long been recognized for our sustainability efforts, and we just launched plans to expand upon our investment in solar energy by building a microgrid which increases the amount of energy we generate ourselves to approximately 80% of our needs, and also allows us to operate as an island in the event of a power outage as has become all too familiar in California during fire season." - Remi Cohen

