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## A 106-Year-Old Tradition

Dear RMI Supporter,

Normally, the Robert Mondavi Institute would be full of activity today. Visitors would be gathered on our patio to taste UC Davis olive oil and honey. They would be touring the winery and brewery facilities, enjoying ice cream and snagging free grapevines. But this year is understandably different. Even though Picnic Day 2020 has been cancelled, our campus has many ways for us to celebrate virtually.

The **UC Davis Olive Center** and **Honey and Pollination Center** have a range of products, from single-varietal honeys and select bottles of award-winning oils, to sampler packs and even body products that are available online through the **UC Davis Bookstore**.

Today is also Give Day 2020, and the Robert Mondavi Institute is making a special call for donations to **UC Davis Emergency Funds**, which are currently providing vital support for those affected by the campus closure, as well as for UC Davis COVID-19 research efforts. Please consider giving—gifts of any amount will make an immediate difference.

On a related note, the student organizers behind Picnic Day are selling **Picnic Day 2020 t-shirts**, and donating 100% of the profits to the UC Davis COVID-19 research fund. We hope you'll add a t-shirt to your order of olive oil or honey, which will help support critical research efforts in this time of great need.

You'll find all of this and more below. From everyone at the Robert Mondavi Institute, have a happy and safe **virtual Picnic Day 2020!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Andrew Watson".

Andrew Waterhouse

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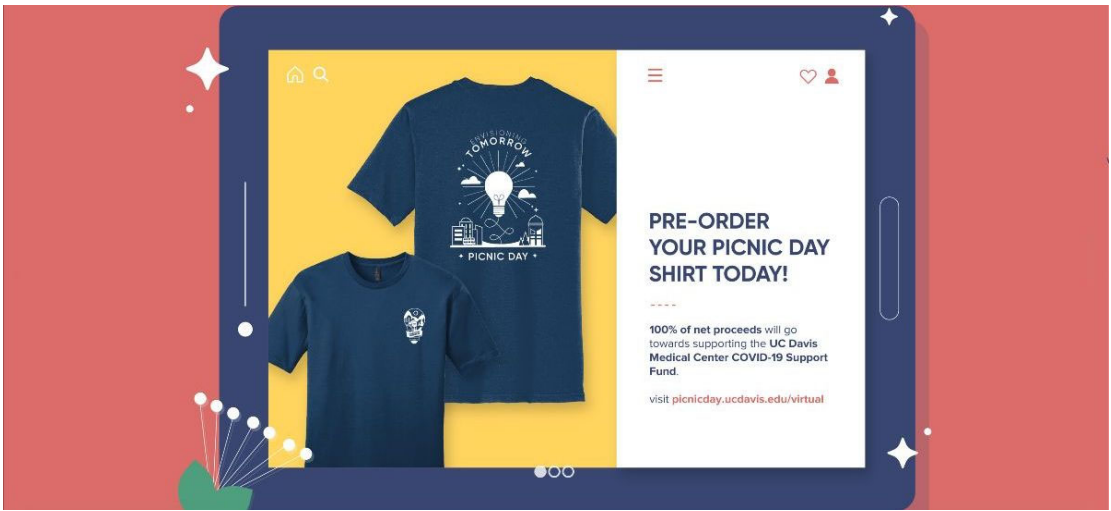


## Picnic Day Classics: Olive Oil & Honey

**UC Davis Olive Center & Honey and Pollination Center products available online**

Tastings of UC Davis olive oil and honey have been hallmarks of Picnic Day celebrations for years, and with both available in single and gift assortments, we’re hoping this year won’t be any different! Grab a bottle (or two) and help support our **Centers of Excellence** in their mission of making UC Davis the world’s foremost resource for all things olive and honey.

- > **UC Davis Olive Center products**
- > **UC Davis Honey and Pollination Center products**



## Picnic Day T-Shirts for a Cause

**Proceeds support COVID-19 research at UC Davis**

Even though we can’t all be together for Picnic Day 2020, we can still show our Aggie Pride by purchasing a commemorative 2020 t-shirt. Your purchase will support the UC Davis Medical Center COVID-19 Support Fund, which will receive 100% of the proceeds.

- > **Picnic Day 2020 t-shirts**



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## UC Davis Marching Band Virtual Show

**The band, a Picnic Day fixture, plays the "Aggie Fight Song"**

With the help of some clever video editing, members of the UC Davis Marching Band are staying connected, playing the time-honored Aggie Fight Song while sheltering in place. "There were some technical challenges in doing the [first] video," said Brad Sparks, the band's director. "[But] I'm thrilled with how they're keeping the band family together."

[> Watch the video](#)



## Join Karen MacNeil for Virtual Tastings

Karen MacNeil, author of *The Wine Bible*, and a longtime friend and supporter of the institute (and our campus) is doing weekly **Instagram tastings**. We're delighted to extend an invitation on her behalf to virtual tastings where she welcomes a winemaker guest and discusses what makes each wine great. Grab a glass and tune in!

Karen also publishes a weekly digital newsletter, **WineSpeed**, filled with fun, fast, fascinating facts about the wine industry. [Sign up here.](#)

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