

# GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

## NAPA VALLEY

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roots of Peace

At Grgich Hills Estate, we are honored to be a founding and contributing partner of Roots of Peace, a wonderful humanitarian organization led by Heidi Kuhn that is dedicated to the removal of landmines and the subsequent replanting and rebuilding of war-torn regions.

The organization also works with farmers and entrepreneurs to improve each step of the agricultural value chain by introducing new methods and technology, improving export marketing techniques, and creating strategies for ramping up food exports to lucrative overseas markets.

In 2000, over one million land mines had been planted in Croatia, the homeland of my father Miljenko “Mike” Grgich, due to the Balkan War. It was a scourge that contributed to the death and maiming of many Croatians, particularly children and farmers. My father was excited to support Roots of Peace as they began the arduous process of removing mines and replacing them with vines, allowing people to safely return to their farms and vineyards in order to continue to work the same land that they and their ancestors had proudly worked for centuries. In fact, Mike accompanied Heidi Kuhn to Dragalić, Croatia, where they walked the very first minefield demined by Roots of Peace, turning “mines to vines”.

For the past 25 years Roots of Peace has expanded its work into many more countries including Angola, Cambodia, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, and Guatemala, all in the cause of “cultivating peace through agriculture”, benefiting millions of farmers and their families worldwide. They actively heal the wounds of war and plant seeds of life for future generations to thrive.

We continue to support this truly transformative work for peace throughout the world, and we invite you to join us in celebrating this inspiring milestone as we approach the next 25 years with hope for peace.

Yours, in peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Violet Grgich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Violet Grgich

