



Napa Valley Estate Vineyard Portfolio

In the early 1990s we set out to locate and purchase vineyard properties in designated Napa Valley areas with the goal of acquiring sufficient vineyard land to consistently supply 70 percent of our long-term grape needs. Our Napa Valley Estate Vineyard portfolio is now comprised of seven unique properties. Each site produces grapes with equally distinctive flavors due to variations in soil, microclimate, exposure, and other viticultural factors.

Marlee's Vineyard (1976) was the first estate ever planted by Duckhorn and is our home vineyard. The Napa River marks the western border and winter floods have deposited layers of silty river-bottom soil over time, making for a rich, well-drained sandy-loam profile. The site is ideally suited to grow Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon; the grapes from this site are the backbone of our white wine program. There couldn't be a more optimal situation than harvesting grapes only yards away from the winery—this proximity allows the fruit to be picked at the peak of ripeness.



Patzimaro Vineyard (1989) is named after the hometown in Mexico of the Hurtado family, longtime cellar and vineyard workers for Duckhorn Vineyards, in honor of their hard work and dedication. The 15-acre vineyard, planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc, is located at the base of Spring Mountain on the west side of St. Helena. The site has high daytime temperatures that fully ripen the grapes and cool evening breezes and fog that allow the fruit to retain the natural acidity

needed to make balanced, elegantly structured wines.

Monitor Ledge Vineyard (1992) is a 43-acre parcel planted to Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel, and Sauvignon Blanc. Located on the alluvial fan of Selby Creek, the site is composed of cobblestones and a gravelly sandy loam. Water drains rapidly in the lean soil, causing the vines to struggle to grow, thereby bringing about the fruit intensity and structure that make



the wines from this area so unique. The Monitor Ledge Vineyard is located in one of the warmer growing regions of the valley. The vineyard is often the first we harvest and brings us an indication of the quality of the vintage to come.



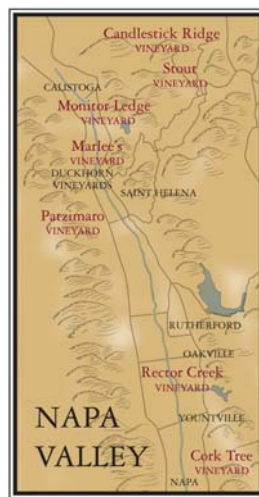
Rector Creek Vineyard (1994) is located north of Yountville along the Silverado Trail. The unique climate combined with the rocky alluvial soils creates excellent growing conditions for the vines. The 39-acre site is planted with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, and Cabernet Franc. The wines from this vineyard exhibit abundant dark red fruit characteristics of black raspberry and hints of strawberry.

Candlestick Ridge Vineyard (1997) is a 28-acre site within the Howell Mountain appellation. Situated 1,700 feet above the Napa Valley floor, the physical geography of the site ranges from mountaintop plateaus to steep slopes. The site has the feel of a vineyard island floating at the top of a rustic wilderness. Looking out towards the southwest you can see Candlestick Ridge from which the vineyard gets its name. The 28-acre site is planted with Merlot, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and a small amount of Syrah.



Stout Vineyard (1998) is located in the Howell Mountain appellation, one of the Napa Valley's most sought-after, ultra-premium winegrowing regions. As a result of its topography, soils, and climate, Howell Mountain has distinctly different grape-growing conditions than the valley floor. The 36 acres of vineyard are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Zinfandel, and Petit Verdot. The Stout Vineyard also has 300 mature olive trees that were planted at the turn of the last century.

Cork Tree Vineyard (2005) is located just off the Silverado Trail in Napa and is the southernmost and coolest of all our Estate vineyards. The site consists of 20 total acres with 13 planted to Merlot, one to Petit Verdot and one to Cabernet Franc. This particular parcel meets all the criteria for an ideal Estate Grown Merlot vineyard: great soil with good drainage and depth, a western hillside exposure, and a location in a desired winegrowing area. Cork Tree Vineyard is named for the prominent Cork Oak that grows majestically among the vines; its presence in the vineyard brings a sense of connection from the vines to the bottled wine.



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