



SANCTUARY

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SANCTUARY IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS.

Between soil, water and climate. Between land and grape. And between winemaker and winegrower. We are honored to work with select winegrowers in California's most prized regions to bring Sanctuary to fruition. To create these exceptional wines, we put ourselves in the grape's place.

NOT MANY PLACES ARE GOOD FOR GROWING WINE, AND FEWER STILL THAT HAVE THE IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR EACH VARIETAL.

Each varietal has its sweet spot, a special balance of geography, geology and climate where it finds full expression. So we sought the California mecca for each: the uniquely situated Mendocino mountain top for our Zinfandel, the famed Rutherford Bench region for our Cabernet Sauvignon, the Russian River Valley for our Chardonnay, the northern end of the Santa Maria Valley for our Pinot Noir, and the west side of Paso Robles for our West Side Red.

Then we get even more selective, hand-picking only the finest grapes and nurturing them into uncommonly good wines. We know how rare it is to find the perfect elements for winemaking. That's why we call it Sanctuary.



Chardonnay

Heintz Vineyard and Dutton Ranches
Russian River Valley

Our Chardonnay sanctuary is the cool, crisp microclimate of Sonoma's Russian River Valley, where the great Charles Heintz and Dutton Ranch vineyards contributed the field-selected grapes to make this classic small lot Chardonnay. The maritime influence in the Russian River Valley creates a natural air conditioning that extends the growing season – often 15 to 20 percent longer than neighboring areas — allowing Chardonnay grapes to develop concentrated aromas and flavors while maintaining a balanced acidity.



Pinot Noir

Bien Nacido Vineyards
Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara

Our Pinot sanctuary is located in the northern end of Santa Barbara County where the benchlands gently elevate to the Santa Maria Valley, 17 miles from the Pacific Ocean, affording the Bien Nacido Vineyards well-drained sandy loam from the Elder Shale and Pleasanton series, buffeted by the Sierra Madre mountains. Considered one of the coolest growing regions in California, its long sunny days give grapes intense fruit flavors, while the chilly evenings and maritime fog add the complex earthy and herbal flavors ideal for Pinot Noir.



West Side Red

Paso Robles, West Side

Our West Side Red sanctuary is the Paso Robles AVA, situated in the center of California's Central Coast, and more specifically the western boundary of the region, just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean on the inland side of the Santa Lucia mountains. Paso Robles offers soil diversity not found in other California wine growing regions, notably the calcareous rich soils created by volcanic and younger marine sedimentary rock, that combined with a relatively plentiful rainfall create ideal conditions for GSM varietals.





Zinfandel

Butler Ranch
Mendocino



Our Zinfandel sanctuary is situated 2,235 feet up on the rugged North Coast, just above the fog line, where Butler Ranch nurtures the unique collaboration of altitude and maritime breezes that bring out the best in Zinfandel. With its sparse soil and microclimate, the mountain top vineyards in Mendocino are notoriously challenging for growing grapes but when properly coaxed produces fruit with intensity and richness.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Usibelli Vineyard
Napa Valley, Rutherford



Our Cabernet sanctuary is the Usibelli Vineyard on the Rutherford Bench, the most heralded source of Cabernet Sauvignon in Napa Valley. Stretching three miles from Oakville to Rutherford along the western edge of Route 29, the Rutherford Bench AVA promises a wonderfully long growing season. The soil is dominated by Franciscan marine sedimentary materials, with some volcanic deposits, producing wine with the unique dusty-berry-spicy flavor profile known as "Rutherford Dust."



PHILOSOPHY

The guiding philosophy of Sanctuary is terroir, loosely translated from French as “a sense of place.” In terms of winemaking it is the combination of soil, water and climate that makes the grape unique. These wines are derived from those carefully selected places where the rare characteristics of a great wine are allowed to find full expression.

Heintz Vineyard

“IT’S ABOUT THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN WINE GROWER AND WINE MAKER. ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH A UNIQUE PIECE OF LAND. A GREAT WINE IS ALL ABOUT SITE AND INTERPLAY.”

-DENNIS MARTIN



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