

# ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS

Alexander Valley Vineyards is located on Highway 128 in northern Sonoma County, 75 miles north of San Francisco, 6 miles from the sleepy town of Healdsburg and 16 miles from Calistoga in the Napa Valley.



Sonoma County's Alexander Valley was mostly prune orchards and pastures when, in 1962, Maggie and Harry Wetzel purchased a large portion of a homestead built by Cyrus Alexander, the valley's nineteenth century namesake.

Here, in a rural community of family farms and ranches, the Wetzel family settled. They raised livestock, cultivated bountiful gardens and restored Alexander's original home, making it the center of family life. With an eye to their neighbors in nearby Napa Valley, the Wetzels boldly planted premium grape varieties, among the first in the area. Then the family built a small winery and Hank Wetzel, oldest son of



Maggie and Harry, produced Alexander Valley Vineyard's first wine in 1975. His wife Linda set up the books and managed the winery office. AVV quickly established a reputation for estate grown wines with distinctive varietal character. Alexander Valley Vineyards brought recognition to the appellation and became a leading winery in Sonoma County.

Today the Alexander Valley is a prominent appellation known worldwide as the source of rich, age worthy wines. Our 720 acres estate is home to diverse micro-climates, stretching from the banks of the Russian River up onto



the hillsides. Vineyard Manager Isaul Macias and Winemaker Kevin Hall work as a team to maximize fruit flavor in the vineyard and to create balanced wines that capture the grapes' varietal characteristics.

Barrel fermentation and aging take place in our 25,000 square foot underground cave adjacent to the winery, where the cool, constant temperature and high humidity are ideal for aging wine. In 2024 we'll be finishing our fourth cave, increasing our space to over 40,000 square feet.

2024 marks the family's 62<sup>nd</sup> year on the historic property and will be the winery's 50<sup>th</sup> vintage. The 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of the Wetzel Family produces award winning wines that are sold throughout the United States. Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Merlot constitute over one-half of total production. Other varietals include Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc and Syrah. Proprietary wines include CYRUS, our limited production premium Cabernet Sauvignon blend, Gewürz, and Sin Zin.

We've spent decades perfecting our grape growing and winemaking, every bottle we produce reflects our heritage and each glass of wine shares our story.



*Our family creates wines of distinction for everyone.*

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