



VINEYARD OVERVIEW

OAKVILLE RANCH



At the heart of Miner Family Vineyards is the prized Oakville Ranch estate. Its 80 acres of prime vineyards are located high above the Napa Valley on the slopes of its Eastern hillsides. At more than 1,000 feet above sea level, the rocky, red volcanic soil yields incredibly rich fruit with deep and complex flavor characteristics that have earned world renown for the Oakville appellation. The mountainous site is ideally suited for growing intense, concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon. With its panoramic vistas, this site surely ranks as one of the most beautiful vineyards in the world.

NAPA VALLEY: STAGECOACH VINEYARD

Carved from enormous rocks and boulders high atop the eastern hills of Napa and close to the Oakville Ranch, Stagecoach is one of the most ambitious – and highly regarded – sources of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Merlot, and Syrah. Situated more than 1,500 feet above sea level, this mountainous site straddling the Oakville and Atlas Peak appellations was planted in 1992 by Dr. Jan Krupp. Its narrowly spaced vines struggle in the rocky soil, but benefit from extended sunlight hours, yielding fruit with uncommon color, depth, and complexity.

MENDOCINO COUNTY: GIBSON RANCH

Third-generation grower Bob Gibson meticulously maintains this vineyard, which his grandmother planted to Sangiovese. Gibson makes multiple passes through the vertical trellised vineyards at harvest, ensuring that the ripe grapes are of the highest possible quality.

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SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS: GARYS' & ROSELLA'S VINEYARDS

The Santa Lucia Highlands rise above the Salinas River, inland, just southwest of Monterey. Here, the breezy, cool and relatively dry growing season is typically four weeks longer than most in California, ideal for cultivating rich, mature Pinot Noir. Partners Gary Francioni and Gary Pisoni have planted numerous vineyards in these foothills, tending to each with uncompromising attention to detail. Selecting choice sites up and down the Salinas valley, they have planted a variety of different vines wherever they have found optimal conditions.

Named after the partners, Garys' is a unique hillside vineyard – with vines grafted over to original budwood surreptitiously obtained from one of Burgundy's most prized vineyards – offering a nod to Burgundy with its long, cool, growing season. *Garys'* defines the concept of *terroir* relative to Pinot Noir and, as a result, consistently produces some of the most sought-after fruit in California. The 50-acre Rosella's Vineyard – named for Gary Francioni's wife – is located just up the river from Garys' and planted to the same La Tache clone as Garys' Vineyards with also a small amount planted to Dijon clones.

MADERA, CENTRAL VALLEY: SIMPSON VINEYARD

Miner Family Viognier comes from the vineyard of famed grower and vintner John Simpson in California's Central Valley. Simpson has devoted himself to growing Viognier in California and has evolved into one of its most prominent producers.

A dedicated grower and enthusiast of this Rhone varietal – once almost forgotten in this country – Simpson coaxes the finest personalities and tropical characteristics from his vineyards in Madera. His low-yielding vineyards produce grapes of substantial flavor and concentration.

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