

FRANK FAMILY VINEYARDS

The Vineyards

Winston Hill

Rising nearly 500 feet above the valley floor in the prestigious Rutherford appellation, Winston Hill was named for Rich's English Springer-Spaniel, Winston, who loved running up and down the hills among the vines, chasing birds and protecting the crop. Winston Hill is located on Rich and Leslie's 107-acre estate, on the east side of the Napa Valley along the Vaca Mountain range. The soil consists of well-drained, volcanic deposits and sandstone. Due to its southwest exposure, Winston Hill receives some of the longest hours of sunshine in the valley. Typical warm summer days give way to cool nights with soft mountain breezes. The vineyard has an average rainfall of 24-36 inches per year.

Approximately 20 acres of the vines were planted or replanted on Winston Hill starting in 1991. The total planted acreage is approximately 35 acres. Cabernet Sauvignon is the primary variety, along with small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet France, Petite Verdot, and Sangiovese. Through site specific vineyard management, several clonal selections are matched with the appropriate rootstocks, specifically 110R, 420A, and 3309. Extensive hand labor balances the vine canopy and maintains yields to produce rich and concentrated wines.

Winston Hill produces its namesake wine (the flagship for Frank Family Vineyards). Grapes from Winston Hill are also used in Frank Family's Patriarch Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, RHF Cabernet Sauvignon and Winston Hill Reserve Sangiovese.

Benjamin Vineyard

The Benjamin Vineyard is located east of Conn Creek Road in the heart of the Rutherford AVA. Purchased by the Franks in 2012, the 87-acre parcel was formerly known as Wood Ranch and belonged to Frank "Laurie" Wood, whose family had farmed the property for three generations. Today it is named "Benjamin Vineyard" for Rich Frank's youngest grandson. It is planted to 50 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, eight acres Petit Verdot, and two acres each of Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The vineyard's location on the valley floor exposes it to long hours of sunshine, and cool breezy nights, allowing for slow and steady grape maturation. The vineyard is composed of gravelly loam soil resulting from sediment from the Conn Creek and Napa River which flowed through the region thousands of years ago.

Lewis Vineyard



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Located in the heart of Napa-Carneros, near the shores of San Pablo Bay, the Lewis Vineyard was purchased by Rich Frank in 2000 and is named for his eldest grandson, Lewis. It is made up of 86 acres of gently rolling hills, with 58 acres planted to Chardonnay and 10 acres planted to Pinot Noir. The predominant maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean creates the cool temperature, fog and wind that make Carneros ideally suited for growing cool climate varieties. The Lewis Vineyard consists of primarily shallow and dense clay loam soils, receiving only 20 inches of rainfall annually.

Overall, the maritime influence and restricting soils result in extremely low yields, producing grapes with strong character and balanced acidity. The practice of cool climate viticulture and planting of small cluster Dijon clones, such as clone 95, contribute to an intensity that is found in the Chardonnays of the Lewis Vineyard. Frank Family's Reserve Pinot Noir, Reserve Chardonnay, and sparkling wines are made with fruit sourced from this vineyard.

S&J Vineyard

Adding to Frank Family's vineyard diversity are 105 acres of land located east of the Vaca Mountain range in Napa's Capell Valley. The S&J Vineyard, purchased in 2000, is named for Rich's grandchildren, Stella and Jeremy, and is planted to 75 acres of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon, along with small quantities of Petite Sirah and Zinfandel. Meticulous soil and microclimate studies were executed before the development of this vineyard.

The soils are fertile, well-drained and clay loam-based, reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench. The cold nights balanced with warm days ensure the long, even ripening of Cabernet Sauvignon.



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