

SAINT HELENA WINERY

Saint Helena Winery is a small, private winery specializing in estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignons. The winery was founded in 2000, and is situated in the St. Helena appellation of Napa Valley. Winemakers Aaron Pott and Lindsey Wallingford guide the creation of three estate Cabernets and one Sonoma Mountain Chardonnay.

The estate is not open to the public, rather by invitation only. It is a working vineyard and winery in a serene country setting with accommodations for a relaxing wine tasting in the estate house, or on the veranda overlooking the Valley floor and Mayacamas Mountain range.

The winery was founded with the 2000 vintage of Sympa Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, with one barrel only made by famed winemaker Mark Herold. The winery estate is near the historical center of Napa Valley winemaking, adjacent to the properties of early vintners Charles Krug and Jacob Beringer. The founding family purchased the twenty acre vineyard estate in 1994 and sold grapes to notable neighbors including Opus One and Quintessa. After the 2000 vintage, they slowly made more wines under the Saint Helena Winery label. Today they make fewer than 1,500 cases of estate Cabernet Sauvignons and one Chardonnay from a special vineyard on Sonoma Mountain.

The winemakers are Aaron Pott, a St. Helena based Napa Valley consulting winemaker recently named "Winemaker of the Year" by *Food & Wine* Magazine, and the notable rising star, Lindsey Wallingford, formerly of Bryant Family Vineyard and Screaming Eagle. Lindsey also manages the estate vineyards with a small full-time crew. The vineyards are hand-tended throughout the year – truly farmed one vine at a time.

The estate contains 13 acres of vines. The soils are variations of Bale Loam with a wide ribbon of gravel from an ancient riverbed running through the north blocks. These are the blocks where Sympa and Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignons originate.

The Saint Helena Winery team makes a Chardonnay from the Scopus Vineyard high upon Sonoma Mountain, farmed by the highly respected viticulturist, Ulises Valdez. Just over 300 cases of this wine are produced each year. Aaron Pott earned his Master's degree in Burgundy and makes this wine with the traditions of that region in mind.

Saint Helena Winery is run by a small team of four women and three men. Our owners live in Minnesota now and are honored to have the wines appreciated in some of the finest restaurants and fine wine retailers in the U.S.

For more information, please contact us:

Saint Helena Winery, 100 Pratt Ave, Saint Helena, CA 94574 Lesley Russell, General Manager lesley@sthelenawinery.com and Tel: 707-974-4804 www.sthelenawinery.com