

OPTIMA

The Vineyards

For a wine to be exceptional it must be intrinsic to the grapes. Given this simple fact, we strive to work with only the best vineyards, vineyards that consistently produce grapes of quality and distinction vintage after vintage.

Mounts Vineyard

The Dry Creek Valley is the keeper of our hearts for Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. Quality through sacrifice is Mounts top priority. With this philosophy of excellence passing through three generations totaling 60 years of wine-grape growers how can we go wrong? Every block brings together the unique orientation of hillside exposure, soil type and depth. From Mounts dedication, we achieve the highest quality fruit possible.



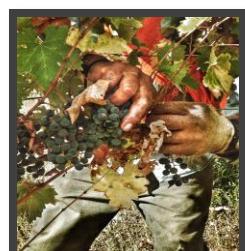
Bermudes Ranch

The stunning Alexander Valley vineyard is our hidden jewel that creates our Optima Cabernet. The vineyard is situated on a terraced knoll. The soil is comprised primarily of a gravelly loam soil. The slope direction provides excellent exposure of the grape clusters and allows for long “hang time.” This provides us with perfectly formed small bunches of grapes that possess optimal ripeness and fully developed varietal characters. The vines produce 2-3 tons per acre which deliver rich, concentrated flavors.



Duffy Vineyards

The vineyard is from our small half acre in Alexander Valley, where each spring a carpet of green covers the vineyard floor. Our family cares it from planting to harvest through vinification. The exceptional combination of climate, exposure, and soil in the Alexander Valley appellation stamps its signature on this classic varietal. 75 cases produced.



Bavarian Lion Vineyards

Some of the most notable winery's purchase grapes off this vineyard. We purchase Sauv Blanc and a small lot of Cabernet that we blend into Fitch Mountain. The vineyard is located just north of Calistoga and east of Alexander Valley, on the foothills of Mt St. Helena. The soil consists of well-drained, gravelly and sandy loams, which is a perfect formula for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. 100% solar

