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FAMILY VINEYARDS

Taste Our Tradition

VINEYARDS & APPELLATION



OUR VINEYARDS

Our family has been growing grapes for eight generations, dating back to a small German (now French) village of Alsace. We have been growing premium wine grapes in the Lodi appellation for six generations and, in addition to our own wines, continue to grow grapes for many well-known wineries. We were one of the very first farming families to introduce French clones to our region, and have experience growing many varieties of grapes. We now farm over 800 acres in the Lodi Appellation, some of which date back to our family's original properties which are over 100 years old. Our wines are selected from very small blocks of vineyards, which are trained on special trellis systems, one which was originally designed by Jason, our vineyard manager, and Larry Mettler. These systems allow just the right amount of sunlight to grace the fruit on the vine. Our crop level is controlled using minimum use of water and hand-thinning. Our wines are an expression of where and how the grapes are grown, including the clonal choice, vineyard sites, trellis, crop management and expertise of the winemaker. We personally manage the entire process, paying close attention to every detail.

THE LODI APPELLATION

The Lodi Wine Region is defined and influenced by its proximity to the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. Situated directly east of San Francisco, at the edge of the Sacramento River Delta, Lodi takes advantage of the coastal gap as the northern and southern coastal ranges meet at the San Francisco Bay. As temperatures rise in the central valley, cool maritime breezes are pulled directly across the Lodi region creating a distinctive climate that has allowed premium wine grapes to flourish for over a century. Boasting a classic Mediterranean climate, Lodi has warm, dry summers and cool, moist winters. The dry warm summer days allow Lodi grapes to develop full ripe fruit flavors while the distinctive breezes maintain the natural acidity for structure and complexity in the finished wines.

