



THE GEYSERVILLE WINE SCENE

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Wineries To Watch

Jim Rickards of **J. Rickards Winery** would probably bristle at the mention of the word "boutique" in connection with his operation, but that's the cattleman in him talking. His interests turned from bovine to old vine when he bought his vineyard in the 1970s and began selling grapes to other area winemakers - Silver Oak, Geysler Peak and Dry Creek Vineyards to name a few. His plants date back to 1908 and he has augmented the originals with newly planted clones of old vines. He and his wife Eliza began producing extremely small batches of handmade wines in the early '90s for friends. The reception was enthusiastic enough that they finally decided to start bottling on their own with the 2004 vintage. That move made them a lot more friends.



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past Geysler Peak Winery and just south of Silver Oak Cellars*