

About J. Rickards Winery



Passion . . . no pretense

Welcome to J. Rickards Vineyards and Winery. We are a family-run operation of both wine grape farming and wine production, located at the northern end of the Alexander Valley in Sonoma County. Owned and operated by Jim and Eliza Rickards, the Vineyards have been planted over the past 30 years, augmenting the original 1908 Zinfandel vines. The Winery started in 2005, born out of the encouragement of friends who have enjoyed the small lots of hand-crafted wine we have been making since 1991.



JIM & ELIZA RICKARDS

We produce several varietals that grow especially well on the diverse blocks throughout our 60 acres. Zinfandel, both from the old vines and new plantings of old clones is bold, spicy.... Petite Sirah is both bottled on its own and blended with the Zinfandel, adding its unique character.... Malbec from the lower pond area, a stunning varietal.... A Cabernet blend we call Five Sisters is made from the traditional Bordeaux varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot and Malbec, all estate grown.

The majority of the grapes we harvest go to other renowned wineries in the area. Our Cabernet Sauvignon to the neighbor, Silver Oak, in their Alexander Valley label; Shiraz to Geyser Peak up the road; and Zinfandel and Petite Sirah to Dry Creek Vineyards and Winery over the hill. The plan is continue these partnerships and pick selected blocks for our wines. Our first offering is about 150 cases from the 2004 and 2005 vintages, growing to 5000 cases over the next few years.

When Jim and Eliza Rickards founded J. Rickards Winery in 2005, their goal was to produce hand-crafted wines that showcased the diverse soils and varying micro-climates of their vineyards. Beginning in 1976, Jim has established himself as one of the area's foremost premium grape growers. He has pioneered environmentally sensitive vineyard practices and has been a long-time proponent of sustainable farming techniques. Alex Holman, winemaker, was brought on board in 2008 to maintain the artisan style of making small lots from our special blocks of the outstanding varietals grown on the estate vineyards and by select neighbors.

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