



Opatz Family Vineyards

Great Wine, One Vine at a Time



ROUTE 128

Elevation

1,300 ft.

Highway 128 Milemarker

Mountain House Road

Established

1998

Products

Viognier, Zinfandel, Pinot Noir,
Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah

Production

450 cases

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By age 16, Pete was spending his evenings and weekends behind the wheel of a tractor at his family's home and vineyard (now Sequoia Grove Winery) in Oakville. He served his apprenticeship under William Bartolucci, a third generation Napa Valley grapegrower. As the vineyard foreman at Spottswood, Pete planted the vineyards and eventually managed the property along with several others.

He soon formed his own management business in the late 70's, selling fruit to Keenan, Heitz, and Sterling. In 1981, following a young man's pursuit of gold mining in the Trinity Alps, Pete joined the Gallo farming operations in Sonoma County. Next, Pete became Director of Vineyard Operations at Chateau St. Jean under winemaker Richard Arrowood. In 1993 Pete replaced Dale Goode at Hoot Owl Creek and Alexander Valley Vineyards. He joined Clos du Bois as vineyard manager in 1998, which transitioned into two other positions at Allied Domecq; first as Director of California Vineyards, then as Vice-President of Vineyards and Grower Relations, which included some international viticulture in Argentina and Spain. With change in the wind and a stay-at-home opportunity presenting itself, Pete went to work for Vino Farms and Silverado Premium Properties, where his current duties include viticulture and winery relations for their Napa and Sonoma holdings.

So why the Yorkville Highlands? From their first visit to the property in 1998, Pete and Lorna sensed the incredible potential for what they together had spent their lives doing, winegrowing.

In 2003, Pete and Lorna Opatz began making small lots of wines from both the Opatz Family Vineyards and from select vineyards Pete manages.

The Yorkville Highlands appellation provides the perfect marriage of a coastal mountain climate, thin weathered soils, and elevation, creating unique vineyards that cannot be duplicated anywhere in the world.



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