

FRANK FAMILY
VINEYARDS

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5:52 a.m. First Light in the Vineyards

9:00 a.m. Daily Dedication to Winemaking

10:00 a.m. The Tasting Room is Open

4:30 p.m. Gathering Time

8:00 p.m. Then, Now, and Always





Where it Begins

OUR VINEYARDS

WINSTON HILL

LEWIS

BENJAMIN

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Frank Family Vineyards has become a household name for lovers of premium Napa Valley wines, where consistency is artistry. With more than 380 acres of the finest vineyards across the best AVAs within Napa Valley, we know location makes a difference. Every year, we source grapes from our four vineyards and our favorite neighbors, allowing our winemaker to truly master the terroir and craft exceptional wines. Our vineyards have become an important part of the Frank Family story, not only for the grapes they produce, but for their namesakes—our grandchildren.

VINEYARD VIDEO

The Time it Takes



Winemaking is always on Mother Nature's schedule. Understanding this enables us to look ahead seasonally, but also to adapt to what's next today, tomorrow, or next week. Winemaker Todd Graff plans for what he can, but enjoys the seasonality of the process, knowing there are always different creative options to explore. Frank Family's process begins with grape sourcing, where the most important winemaking decision is picking ripe, clean, delicious fruit. By consistently sourcing from the same vineyards, we have a tremendous advantage of knowing the grapes' personalities, even if each vintage may be slightly different. The ability to know when to start each phase can feel like alchemy. Todd is our magician, having traveled the world perfecting his skills and learning which grapes to pair with each other, and which blends to pair with which barrel. It's an artistry he's mastered. Most of his winemaking

decisions happen during fermentation, where two weeks of careful work determine the outcome for a vintage like Cabernet Sauvignon that ages in barrels for two years. These choices are a team effort, starting at the top, as Todd says. After crafting several blends, Todd works closely with Rich and Leslie Frank during tastings before choosing which makes it to bottling. The outcomes are red wines with rich, full bodies, achieved through a complex extraction process; delicate white wines created by a quick fermentation-to-barrel transition; brut rosé wines that absorb the best of both red and white worlds; and graceful sparkling wines achieved through a process that takes five years from vineyards to consumer. Across our three collections—Reserve, Napa Valley, Sparkling—we take pride in process, every day, making a diverse set of varietals that make any occasion.

A Welcome Taste

OUR TASTING ROOM IS OPEN
DAILY TO THE PUBLIC FROM
10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
AND ALL VISITORS MUST BE
AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.

Located on quiet, tree-lined Larkmead Lane in Calistoga, Frank Family Vineyards' tasting room is one of the most popular destinations in the valley, voted "Best Napa Winery" by the Bay Area A-List eight years in a row. For more than 20 years, we've welcomed guests, offering tastings in a quaint room known as much for its no-frills approach and friendly staff as it is for the elegant wines poured inside. Today, the tasting room maintains its convivial charm, housed inside a beautiful 1930s pale yellow Craftsman home. Here, guests have the opportunity to taste the full array of single-vineyard reserve wines, only available through the winery.

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Sharing a Legacy

THERE IS A FAMILY
ATMOSPHERE IN ALL THAT WE
DO—A FEELING THAT COMES
FROM OUR HISTORY AND
PURPOSE. FROM OUR FAMILY
TO YOURS, THE HISTORY OF
FRANK FAMILY IS A SHARED
LEGACY. WELCOME TO THE
FAMILY.

The Vineyard's story began with the purchase of a home. Frank Family's story began with a patriarch who laid the foundation for three generations to become a part of a historical winery. Throughout our every day, our every guest interaction, and our every vintage, we hope to carry this story forward, and pass it down through more generations to come.

Historic Larkmead Winery



Frank Family has called Larkmead Lane our home for winemaking and hospitality since we opened to the public on 4th of July weekend in 1993. But our property has been grounds for winemaking well over 100 hundred years. First constructed in 1884, and refinished with native sandstone from the nearby hills in 1906, the iconic Larkmead building is now considered an archetype of California's wine country—appearing on the National Register of Historical Places and listed as a Point of Historical Interest in the state of California. Like its earlier

days, the building is filled with high-stacked barrels and a rich bouquet of aging wines, creating an ambience of days past with the promise of future vintages. Though once home to only sparkling wines, Frank Family Vineyards honors the building's history by continuing to hand-craft four sparkling wines using the traditional French champenoise method, in addition to producing superb still wines. It's the third-oldest winery built in Napa Valley, and in many ways, still feels like it once was.

Honoring Our Patriarch



We take great, personal pride in the making of each of our wines. But in 2015, we released an incredibly special, personal vintage. The award-winning Frank Family Vineyards Patriarch is a limited-release Cabernet Sauvignon, made with grapes sourced from the Winston Hill vineyard in Rutherford, and in honor of Rich Frank's 98-year-old father and World War II veteran, Hy Frank. As a man who lived his life expecting no more than what his own efforts brought, Hy's ethics, hard work, and discipline exemplify the strong fabric of family, community, and country. Born to immigrant parents from Lithuania, Hy enlisted in the United States Army at the height of World War II, leaving behind his wife

and 10-month-old son. Hy was deployed to Normandy and landed on Omaha Beach four days after D-Day. He drove support vehicles for the First Army and General George S. Patton's Third Army as the troops moved from town to town liberating the French. At the end of the war, Hy returned to his family in Brooklyn, New York and founded Heide Meat Company, which he operated successfully for 30 years, providing the means to send his first son, Rich, to university. Rich later developed an incredibly successful career in entertainment, thanks in great part to his father's dedication, values, and hard work. Rich presented the first release of Patriarch to his father on his 98th birthday.



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