



CLOS DU VAL FACT SHEET

Clos du Val is a benchmark Napa Valley wine producer with a focus on crafting complex, ageworthy, estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon from the Stags Leap District AVA in Napa Valley. Since its founding in 1972, Clos du Val has continually helped define the world’s view of Napa Valley wines. Today, Clos du Val is in the midst of an evolution inspired by its venerable roots and lessons from the last five decades. This new chapter of Clos du Val begins with a renewed focus on the winery’s estate vineyards and wines; a conscience decision to reduce production; and the opening of the Hironnelle House, which welcomes visitors for new personalized experiences that match its gracious wines.

WINEMAKING

Ted Henry, Winemaker
Mabel Ojeda, Assistant Winemaker

LEADERSHIP

Olav Goelet, Owner and Executive Chairman

VINEYARDS

Hironnelle Vineyard, Stags Leap District AVA, Napa Valley
State Lane Vineyard, Yountville AVA, Napa Valley
Riverbend Vineyard, Yountville AVA, Napa Valley

WINES

Nationally Distributed Wines
Estate Hironnelle Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District.....\$120
Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$52
Three Graces, Stags Leap District \$175
Estate Chardonnay, Carneros \$32
Estate Pinot Noir, Carneros..... \$38
Estate Merlot, Napa Valley \$42

Winery Exclusive Wines

Clos du Val produces a number of vineyard-designated, estate wines sold exclusively at the winery, on the website, or through the Clos du Val wine club.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Open daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

HIRONDELLE HOUSE

The Hironnelle House, named for the winery's historic estate vineyard, first opened its doors in fall of 2018 with a brand new personalized visitor experience where guests explore Clos du Val's Napa Valley wines from their formative years to the current vintages, as well as peek into the future. Designed by Michael Guthrie & Co Architects and interiors by Erin Martin, the space is intentionally designed so Clos du Val visitors connect with the estate vineyards, the historic winery and legendary wines. While some would call the Hironnelle House a winery, an estate, or a tasting room, Clos du Val calls it their home.

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CLOS DU VAL'S ESTATE VINEYARDS

For more than 45 years, Clos du Val has farmed three estate vineyards in Stags Leap District and Yountville. Recognized as some of the finest winegrowing land in Napa Valley, these vineyards provide a world-class palette of estate fruit for our Winemaker Ted Henry. Beginning in 2014, the winery affirmed its commitment to the importance of this estate fruit by drastically reducing production and focusing almost entirely on their estate-grown wines. As further example of their commitment to quality and longevity, the winery has ceased using herbicides or pesticides in the vineyards, and all three Clos du Val vineyards are Napa Green Certified.

HIRONDELLE VINEYARD

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

The crown jewel of Clos du Val's estate program is a majestic vineyard in the heart of Stags Leap District. Acquired in 1972, this coveted land is home to Clos du Val, and features 120 acres and nine different clones of some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in North America. Often referred to as a "valley within a valley," Stags Leap District was the first American Viticultural Area (AVA) in the United States to be approved based on its gravel and loam soils. The AVA, which is just three miles long and one mile wide, is celebrated for its ideal climate that draws in cool breezes from the San Pablo Bay through the Stags Leap District corridor. This lowers evening temperatures and allows the grapes to ripen slowly, producing velvety tannins and pure varietal flavors, while retaining ideal natural acidity—qualities that are perfect for making exceptional, age-worthy wines.

Clos du Val's Hironnelle Vineyard features approximately 126 acres of vines, divided into 34 unique blocks, each with its own combination of clone, rootstock, vine age and soil type. Just over 100 acres of these plantings are made up of nine different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, with the remainder of the vineyard planted to Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. The vineyard offers a uniform east-west exposure for even ripening throughout, with well-drained hair loam and alluvial rock soils that limit yields, increase concentration, and add a signature streak of minerality to Clos du Val's Cabernets.

STATE LANE VINEYARD

YOUNTVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

Though spanning a mere 8,000 total acres, with less than 3,000 planted to vines, Yountville has some of the richest winegrowing history in Napa Valley. In 1836, George Yount planted the first vineyards in Napa Valley, in the area that today is known as NapaNook. One of the defining elements of the Yountville AVA is its unusual combination of soils. While volcanic soils on the appellation's eastern flank are similar to those in the neighboring Stags Leap District, ancient coastal deposits with sedimentary and alluvial soils to the west are interspersed with sandy, gravelly loam and clay.

Clos du Val's State Lane Vineyard showcases the diversity of Yountville's soils. As a result, even though it only has 17.5 acres of vines, there are eight separate blocks, with a total of 10.5 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 acres of Cabernet Franc and 2 acres of Sauvignon Blanc. In 2002, the entire vineyard was replanted to Clos du Val's specifications. Because cool air and fog traveling north from San Pablo Bay get trapped by the Yountville Mounts, Clos du Val's vineyard benefits from the region's "natural air conditioning," making it ideal for producing beautifully structured Cabernets, as well as exceptional Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc. The vineyard uses vertical shoot positioning, and is planted exclusively with an east-west orientation, with the exception of the Sauvignon Blanc.

RIVERBEND VINEYARD YOUNTVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

Along a narrow stretch of the Napa River sits the Riverbend Vineyard, a 100 acre site bordered by a rich riparian area. The viticultural team at Clos du Val had the unique opportunity to plant this site in phases starting in 2015 and completing in 2016. Today, the vineyard is beginning to produce fruit for the first time for Clos du Val's estate wines. Because of the variety of soil types (Cole silt loam, Pleasanton loam, and Clear Lake clay) the vineyard could be planted to numerous varieties and rootstocks, adding greater diversity to the estate's wine program. Seventy percent is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in roughly five acre blocks. To add to the variety of fruit qualities available to the winemaking team, they selected 10 different Cabernet Sauvignon clones and a wide variety of rootstocks, each matched to the soil types. In addition to Cabernet Sauvignon, the vineyard is planted to complementary Bordeaux varieties such as Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. A small amount of Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier rounds out the plantings.

The site, bordered by trees and the Napa River, is blessed with a fertile and healthy ecosystem, which is beneficial to growing exceptional wine grapes. To protect this balance, the decision has been made to farm this young vineyard organically and the team is working toward organic certification. As a result of that healthy soil and rich terroir, Clos du Val hopes to also dry farm the site once the young vines are established, furthering the winery's commitment to sustainable practices.

CLOS DU VAL BIOGRAPHIES

TED HENRY, WINEMAKER

As only the fourth winemaker in the four-decade history of Clos du Val, Ted Henry is playing a key role in writing the next chapter in the story of the iconic winery. With more than 20 years of experience making estate-grown Napa Valley wines, Ted is charged with building upon the accomplishments of this Napa Valley icon and fully realizing the potential of the winery's estate vineyards. Ted's mission is to recognize and preserve the character of Clos du Val's exceptional estate vineyards in the winery's bottlings. To achieve this goal, he has an intense focus on the small details. For example, he ferments more than 30 individual lots of Cabernet Sauvignon each vintage, with some as small as 1.5 tons. This thoughtful level of focus and commitment to quality can be seen in every aspect of Clos du Val's viticulture and winemaking, including pruning techniques designed to increase dappled sunlight, adding cold soaks to promote color and aromatics, instituting earlier pump-overs to create tannin integration, and using new filtration methods to limit oxidation.

A graduate of University of California, Davis, in fermentation sciences, Ted distinguished himself early on in his career as a talented winemaker with a gifted palate. Today, he sees the opportunity to affect the future of a Napa Valley icon as an honor. "With a team that is committed to making the finest wines in Clos du Val's history, this is a time of incredible energy and excitement for our winery. As a winemaker, building on the accomplishments of such a legendary estate, and helping to chart the course for its future, is a privilege," said Ted.

OLAV GOELET, OWNER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Generational transition in ownership has provided Olav with an opportunity to have an active role in the management of Clos du Val. As one of the six grandchildren of founder John Goelet, Olav has been a leader in a number of his family's ventures with a strong focus in strategic planning and management. Following an undergraduate degree in international relations and a masters degree in aquaculture management, Olav spent the last five years working for a notable oyster company in Massachusetts. As the Director of Farm and Hatchery Operations, Olav helped position the company for long term growth by expanding the production operations to key states. With a passion for agriculture, and the drive to help grow the family wine business, Olav joined Clos du Val in December of 2018.