



BEYOND THE EDGE GROWER PARTNERSHIPS

Meaningful and long-term relationships with growers give Merriam Vineyards latitude. By partnering with growers throughout Sonoma County, the Merriams are able to select the best vineyard sites to complement their estate grapes. During the growing season, Peter and Winemaker David Herzberg work closely with growers in determining crop load and to finetune other essential viticultural practices that ultimately translate into the highest quality wines. “We loved the way the vineyards in France were farmed, where one hectare was shared between five different producers, all of whom cultivated their own rows,” Diana says. This memory has served as the model for their relationship with local growers.

Passalaqua Block 21, Dry Creek Valley

Steep, rocky, and with light volcanic soil, the 100-acre Passalaqua Block 21 Vineyard is meticulously maintained. The south-facing vineyard produces wine with classic cabernet sauvignon character. It is a late-ripening vineyard that is carefully managed to give ample hang time.

Dunnsden Vineyard, Russian River Valley

Dunnsden Vineyard is located on Los Amigos Road in Healdsburg, California, not far from our Windacre Vineyard. Dunnsden Vineyard is a steep, gravelly hillside vineyard located in the famed Russian River Valley. The top portion is very well drained. The soil is composed mostly of rough and gnarly rock. Steep hillside exposure allows for a long, hot growing season.

Jones Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

Located in the upper reaches of Dry Creek Valley, Jones Vineyard produces rich, broadened-palate wines with plummy, jammy fruit character. The cabernet franc vines are older, and the yield is low to concentrate fruit flavors in this very vigorous variety.

Simoneau Vineyard, Alexander Valley

Tom and Brenda Simoneau’s vineyard is characterized by well-drained and thinner soils than most properties in the Alexander Valley. This vineyard is familiar to Winemaker David Herzberg who worked with this fruit for many years. Most of the cabernet sauvignon vines are 20 to 25 years old, with five different clones planted. The chardonnay expresses the best of Alexander Valley: tropical fruit, honeysuckle, and peach.

Smith/Reichel Block 8 Vineyard

This 20 acre south-facing vineyard is located northeast of Cloverdale in the Alexander Valley Appellations from 2,300 - 2,500 foot elevation. Pine Mountain is the northern-most section of Alexander Valley and overlooks the famed valley floor.