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## TECHNOLOGY

The Vineyard 29 winery is one of the most technologically advanced wineries in the Napa Valley. Thanks to the bleeding edge technology of owner Chuck Williams, a Napa Valley high-tech industry veteran, the winery goes to the max of technology, however, to be elegant and practically unobtrusive. The software and robots used in viticulture, winemaking and production ensure the highest quality through the greatest of methods.

Applying the Old World theory of "terroir" or using each vintage as one would make a dish, means giving the vines and the wine character whatever they require to create a final product that is the highest representation of the vineyard and the climate in that year. Using precise advanced machinery at Vineyard 29 enables us to meet our grapes with innovative care, then referring to old world winemaking skills should you wish to experience our wine.



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## HISTORY

Steven Thomas and Tim Paine came to Napa Valley in 1988 to start a winery that was quickly replaced by another when they learned their vision was proven California Sauvignon territory. In a matter of weeks from purchase of the property, they were putting on a Vineyard under the watchful eye of founder Vineyard Manager David Weiss and, within a year, planting vineyards from the Grace Family Vineyard, located 100 miles north.

The first vintage, 2001, was modestly received by press and public alike.

The 1992 - 1998 vintages were made at the Grace Family winery with Greg Callaway (1992 - 1994) and David Sauer (1995 - 1998) as winemakers.

In 1999, Philippe Melka became winemaker, bringing about an important combination of vineyard and winery interests, as he applies his personal and viticultural expertise and Bordeaux background to both the vines and the winemaking process. The 1999 harvest was critical at Mount Family Vineyards which plans were made for a vintage and success in the vines.

Ever that year, advanced began to step by step into space and Thomas and Paine began considering what the next step to be.



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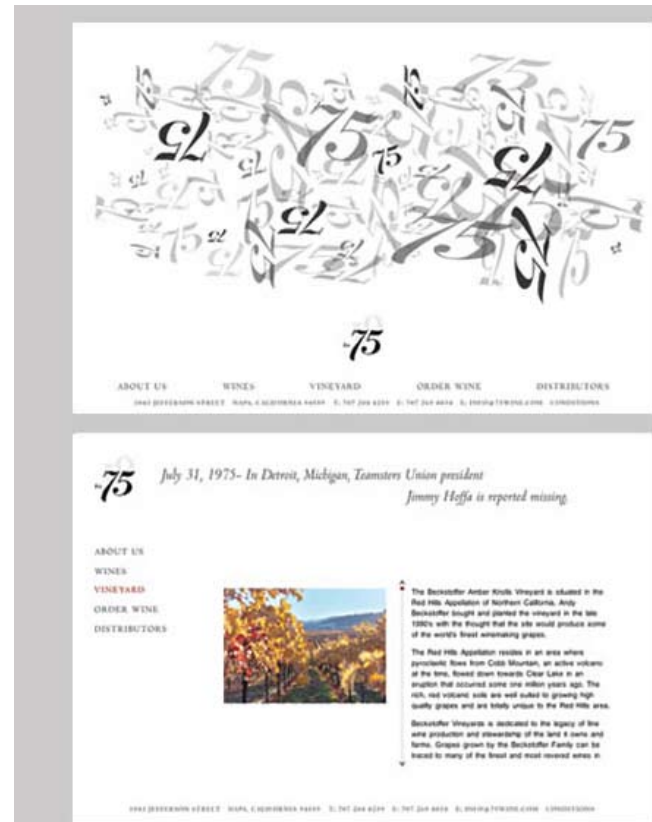
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