



MARK FASI | WINEMAKER

Mark Fasi has been the Diamond Oaks winemaker since 2005. Wine has always been a part of Mark's life. He was first introduced to wine by his Sicilian immigrant grandfather. Mark recalls his grandfather inviting him to the basement to see the red cow that gives the red milk. The cow was a huge wine barrel that stored his grandfather's homemade wine which Mark was allowed to sip from a jelly jar. As an adult, Fasi followed in his grandfather's footsteps and made wine at home.

While working toward a degree in Biology from Humboldt State University, Fasi worked a harvest at Beringer Wine Estates shoveling tanks. After college, he entered the dairy business as a herdsman at a Holstein ranch but his love for wine pulled him back and Fasi returned to Beringer to work in the cellar.

While working in the cellar, a unique opportunity was presented to him that influenced his decision to become a winemaker. Jane Robichaud, one of the co-authors of the Aroma Wheel posted a sign at Beringer requesting volunteers to smell and taste wines. Fasi signed on and after many months of tasting, by process of elimination, Mark became one of the final panelists participating in a qualitative wine

analysis. Being among the finalists fueled Mark's determination and very soon after, his dream of winemaking as a career was realized.

Fasi is a very hands-on winemaker, taking a very active role in Diamond Oaks vineyard management. Mark spends a great deal of time in the vineyards because he believes it is the grape that makes great wine and proper farming is paramount to outstanding fruit.

Mark Fasi's approach to crafting wine is intuition armed with science. Mark explains, "Winemaking is the time when art meets science. There are so many nuances of wine that can not be conveyed relying solely on science."

Prior to joining the Diamond Oaks team Mark made wine for Sunstone in the Santa Ynez Valley, Bettinelli Vineyards, Robert Biale Vineyards and Robert Sinsky.

When not focused on winemaking or vineyards, Mark enjoys the outdoors, backpacking with his wife of 21 years and reading. He is also very active in the Buddhist community.





DIAMOND OAKS VINEYARD INFORMATION

Mina Ranch

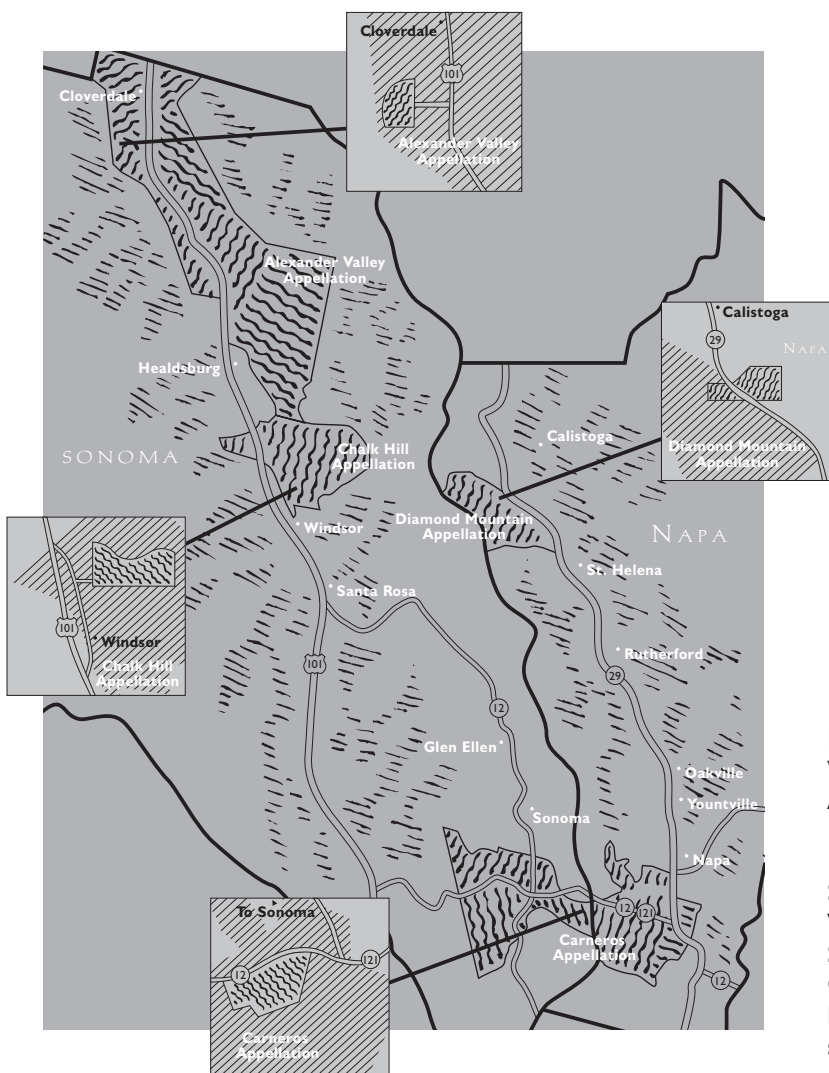
Appellation: Chalk Hill, Russian River Valley
Location: Western bench of Mayacamus Mountains
Size: 93 acres, 85 planted
Varietals: 100%
Chardonnay, Clone: 5
Rootstock: 5C, Dijon Clones: 76, 78, 95 & 96
Rootstock: 5C & 101-14
Growing Conditions: Warm days, little fog, well-drained volcanic soils
Purchased: 1983 from Harold Groom Horse Ranch
Neighbors: DeLoach, Windsor Oaks

Hira Ranch

Appellation: Carneros
Location: West of Carneros Highway & Napa Road
Size: 330 acres planted
Varietals: 56% Chardonnay, Clone: 5
Rootstock: 5C, 30% Merlot, Clones: 1, 3, & 6
Rootstock: 110R & 3309, Petrus Clone: 314
Rootstock: 110R & 3309, 14% Pinot Noir, Clones: Pommard Clone 4, Martini 13 & Dijon 115
Rootstock: 110R, 3309, & 101-14
Growing Conditions: Cool growing region, foggy, alluvial soils and clay loam
Purchased: 1994, formerly Stornetta Dairy Ranch
Neighbors: Domaine Carneros, Nicholson, Buena Vista, Mullas

Alexander Valley Ranch

Appellation: Alexander Valley
Location: Northern end of Alexander Valley
Size: 54 acres, 35 planted
Varietals: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone: 4
Rootstock: AXZR-1, 110R & 101-14
Growing Conditions: Warmest area of Alexander Valley, benchland, gravelly clay and silt with pockets of serpentine rock
Purchased: 1982 from the Rege family
Neighbors: Silver Oak, Geysers Peak, Fritz, Gallo of Sonoma



Calistoga Ranch

Appellation: Napa
Location: Foot of Diamond Mountain
Size: 52 acres
Varietals: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, Clones: 4, 15, 191, & 337
Rootstock: 110R & 101-14
10% Merlot, Clone: 3
Rootstock: 101-14
Growing Conditions: Extended sun exposure with rocky, porous volcanic soils
Purchased: 1977 from the Zinc Family
Neighbors: Sterling, Clos Pegase, Twomey

Diamond Oaks Winery Vineyard

Appellation: Oakville
Location: Foothills of the Mayacamus Mountains
Size: 22 acres, 4 acres planted
Varietals: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone: 4
Growing Conditions: Warm, hillside, shallow gravelly loam soils
Purchased: 2003 from the Robert Mondavi family
Neighbors: Harlan, Far Niente, Robert Mondavi

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