

Beringer Vineyards

ESTABLISHED IN 1876, BERINGER VINEYARDS (WWW.BERINGER.COM) IS THE oldest continuously operating winery in the Napa Valley region. It was started by brothers Jacob and Frederick Beringer, who came to the Napa Valley from Germany with the goal of making wines that could compete with the best in Europe.

As only the seventh winemaker since the winery's inception, Chief Winemaker Laurie Hook oversees the winery, and boasts a partnership with celebrated Winemaker Emeritus Ed Sbragia. Hook's wines reflect Beringer's rich heritage while offering superior quality and supreme elegance, and offer a variety of red, white, blush, and dessert options.

The center of Beringer's reserve and library tastings is the Rhine House, formerly the 17-room mansion that Frederick originally called his home and which today boasts expansive lawns and delightful gardens for guests to delight in while drinking a glass of wine. Beringer's first winemaker, Frederick's brother Jacob, lived in the Hudson House, which was built in 1848 and serves today as Beringer's Culinary Arts Center.

Beringer Vineyards offers a variety of seminars and tours daily at the winery, as well as several tasting rooms where guests can sample an extensive array of wines and learn more about winemaking. In addition, a free membership to the Beringer Wine Club is offered online, where members can indulge in the best hand-selected bottles the winery has to offer. ●



Chief Winemaker Laurie Hook in the vineyards; Rhine House, majestic in summer or fall