

# The World of Wine

## Beringer Vineyards

BERINGER VINEYARDS IS THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY operating winery in the Napa Valley region. It was established in 1876 by brothers Jacob and Frederick Beringer, who came to the Napa Valley from Germany with the goal of making wines that compared to the best in Europe.

Beringer is currently guided by Chief Winemaker Laurie Hook, who is the winery's seventh winemaker since 1876, and boasts an almost 20-year partnership with celebrated Winemaker Emeritus Ed Sbragia. Hook's wines reflect Beringer's rich heritage while offering superior quality and supreme elegance.

Guests can indulge in a glass of wine while relaxing in the old library or on the porch overlooking the expansive lawns and delicate gardens at The Rhine House, which is the center of Beringer's reserve and library tastings and formerly the 17-room mansion that Frederick originally called his home. His brother Jacob, Beringer's first winemaker, 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 selection of wines and learn more about winemaking.

Visitors can obtain more information from their Web site at [www.beringer.com](http://www.beringer.com).



Laurie Hook (left); Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (middle);  
The Rhine House (top right); Howell Mountain vineyard (bottom right)