

The World of Wine

Louis M. Martini Winery

FOUNDED IN 1933, LOUIS M. MARTINI Winery (www.louismartini.com) is a Napa Valley legend in winemaking and innovation with a legacy committed to producing distinctive cabernet sauvignon from the best vineyards in Napa Valley and Sonoma County. The wines reflect three generations of accumulated wisdom fitting vines to the land and blending for balance in the bottle. Wines available in fine restaurants and sold by select retailers include the 2007 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Site-specific Cabernet Sauvignon from Alexander Valley and Monte Rosso Vineyard, as well as Lot No. 1, which is sourced from Napa Valley's best mountain AVA's, are limited release wines available in the winery tasting room and in select restaurants and bottle shops.

Winemaker Michael Martini, who grew up in his father and grandfather's vineyards, is a graduate of the world-renowned winemaking program at U.C. Davis. He worked alongside his father for many years before taking over the reins as winemaker in 1977. Michael built a micro-winery for the Napa property to focus on cabernet sauvignon, inspired by many of the artisan winemaking techniques he learned while refining his skills in Bordeaux and Burgundy, before settling in Napa Valley. He continues to pursue classic lines, making age-worthy wines with structure, elegance, and finesse that express the unique terroir of their vineyards.

Guests can savor these exceptional wines in the winery's historic tasting room on Highway 29 in St. Helena. ●



Cabernet sauvignon wines (right); Monte Rosso Vineyard (below)

