

# GROVE STREET WINERY

*A Generation of Sonoma County Winemaking Tradition*

For over 20 years Grove Street Winery has played a dynamic role in shaping the history of Sonoma County winemaking. Founded in 1988, the winery sits on one of the oldest streets in Healdsburg and a short distance from the Russian River. For centuries the Russian River has defined all aspects of life in this community as it runs through the center of this historic town making its way to the majestic Pacific Ocean eighteen miles west. Grove Street has long been regarded as one of the wineries that over the past generation has helped elevate this community to world class winemaking status. Under the new direction and ownership of Vintner Pat Roney and his assembled team of winemaking professionals, Grove Street Winery is poised to begin a renewed era of winemaking traditions for present and future generations of wine lovers.



## A Brief History of the Growing Region

A legacy that spans almost two centuries has helped define Sonoma County as an internationally recognized producer of world class wines. The Franciscan Monks from Spain established vineyards at Mission Sonoma in the early 1800's and California's oldest commercial winery was founded in Sonoma in 1857. Old world winemaking traditions passed down have combined with modern cutting edge winemaking to create wines of true distinction that are a reflection of this unique terroir.

## Discovering the Growing Region

Diversity of climate, soils, geological formations and topography set Sonoma County aside from any other winemaking region in the world. It is believed that Sonoma County has more distinct soil types than in ALL of France. There are 13 distinct AVA's (American Viticultural Areas) that are home to almost 1,800 vineyards and over one half are smaller than 25 acres (10 hectares). The cold waters of the Pacific Ocean to the west provide cool maritime winds and chilly coastal fog at night. Combined with moderate to warm daytime temperatures, ideal micro-climates occur for growing a diverse range of varieties that show both complexity and balance. From Chardonnay and Pinot Noir to Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel, Sonoma County provides the ideal environment for Grove Street and the other 300 wineries that call Sonoma home.