

MOUNTS

Family  Winery

The Mounts family have been farming its 140 acre estate in the Dry Creek Valley for over 65 years through three generations. In 1946 the first 60 acres were purchased by Jack Mounts with the intention to raise sheep and farm prunes. In the mid 60's, after 15 years of farming prunes, the family pulled out of the prune business and in 1967 Jack's son Richard Mounts planted his first 7 acres of Petite Sirah and 10 acres of Zinfandel. Richard has since farmed the ranch for nearly 45 years, selling to multiple wineries throughout Sonoma County and Napa Valley. Currently 90 acres of vineyard are planted, consisting of 10 varietals with half of the acreage still producing off of 38 - 45 year old head-pruned Zinfandel vines.

David Mounts spent his life growing up in the vineyards under the watchful eye of his father Richard. He knew the farming life well. After graduating in 1998 from Fresno State University with a degree in Viticulture, David went on to work in the vineyard industry. He spent his first six years with Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards developing his vineyard skills and learning quality through sacrifice. David then moved on to manage multiple vineyard sites throughout Napa Valley, here he refined his vineyard practices to grow the highest level of quality for very high end wineries and while doing so he gained exposure to winemaking at its finest. With a developing palate for high quality wines, David wanted to apply what he'd learned over the years to his own family's vineyard. The outside experience gave David the confidence and desire to showcase the grapes and vineyards he knew so well, through the expression of wine.

David's wife Lana shared his passion for wine as well as the artistry that is involved with producing a product grown from the soils that her husband and father-in-law consistently labor over to achieve a superior end result. One of the very first wines that she fell in love with was a 1994 Petite Sirah from Quivira Winery. David had given her a bottle on their very first date. The Petite Sirah grapes were from David's family's vineyard, planted in 1967. She immediately fell in love with wines from the Dry Creek Valley region and eventually she fell in love with David too. They married in June of 1999 and began a journey together in life, family, farming and in the wine industry. Their love for wine, passion for growing quality driven wine grapes and their determination to preserve and sustain the family's estate, led to the natural transition of producing their own wines. In 2005, David and Lana with the help of David's parents, launched Mounts Family Winery; they harvested their first vintage with only 500 cases of wine produced. They are now producing nearly 3,000 cases of wine annually while Mounts Vineyards sells approximately 85% of their fruit to local wineries throughout Sonoma County and Napa Valley.

Together, David and Lana are successfully growing and producing varieties that they truly love. Within the last ten years of planning and starting their family winery, they have replanted some areas of the ranch with Grenache, Malbec, Viognier to name a few, as well as tending to the varieties that are well-established, such as Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and small lots of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. In the coming years they expect to have Mourvedre, Grenache Blanc, Counoise and Cinsault in production so they can broaden their Rhone portfolio.

David and Lana are strongly committed to serving as stewards to the land by which they have been blessed with and utilizing the skills they have learned throughout their winemaking career to teach their three amazing, young children. Their hope is to impart in them that hard work, determination, love for what you are doing and the mindset to apply themselves to their fullest potential, will allow for opportunities of creativity, happiness, growth and beyond.

~Sip, savor and share the memories with Mounts Family Wines~

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