



# SNOWDEN

NAPA VALLEY

**T**he Snowden Ranch has been growing wine grapes since at least the 1870s. They have heard an oral history of great red vintages prior to Prohibition.

In 1955, Wayne and Virginia Snowden purchased a Ranch along a ridge in the eastern foothills of the Napa Valley. In addition to the stunning views of St. Helena, Rutherford and the San Francisco Bay, the property came with seven acres of grapes and six acres of prunes, walnuts, plums and peaches. In 1962, realizing the future of Napa was probably in wine rather than fruits and nuts, the Snowdens planted Cabernet Sauvignon from cuttings off of Nathan Fay's vineyard in Stags Leap.

Scott and Randy Snowden (Wayne and Virginia's sons) assumed responsibility for the property in 1981 and not long after developed the 11-acre "Brothers Vineyard" site.

For the next decade the Snowdens sold their grapes to Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. During that period, they worked to fine-tune the trellising and farming of their vineyard with the help of Warren Winiarski, owner of Stag's Leap, and his viticultural consultant, Danny Schuester.

In 1993, the Snowdens produced their first vintage under their own label. For the next ten years the family continued to sell a portion of their grapes to friends at Silver Oak Wine Cellars, Frank Family Vineyard and Viader. Starting in 2003 they kept all of the fruit for their estate wines.

In January of 2005 Diana Snowden, along with consulting winemaker Dave Ramey, assumed winemaking duties. In addition to her work at Snowden, Diana is also the enologist for Domaine Dujac in Burgundy.

Today, Snowden Vineyards produces two Bordeaux blends from their estate vineyards and a small amount of Sauvignon Blanc from premier sites throughout the Valley.

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- *Snowden Ranch is at the confluence of the appellations of Howell Mountain, Rutherford and St. Helena*
- *Snowden Cabernets display a touch of mountain fruit, Rutherford dust and St. Helena richness*

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**Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon The Ranch**  
**Merlot**  
**Petit Verdot**  
**Sauvignon Blanc**

