

GRIEVE

Family Winery

OVERVIEW

Located in Napa's remote Lovall Valley, a small growing area noted for its uniquely cool climate, Grieve Family Wines marries distinct viticulture and masterful winemaking to produce Bordeaux-style wines of exquisite site expression and stylistic integrity. The winery produces two labels, the Grieve Family Estate Wines, exclusively from their Lovall Valley estate vineyard, and the Grieve Family Double Eagle wines a blend of estate and Napa Valley appellation fruit that is named for vintner David Grieve's passion for golf.

Established: 2008

Proprietors: David and Kathleen Grieve

Location: Lovall Valley, Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 60 acres total: 12.23 acres Sauvignon Blanc, 4.49 acres Merlot. Organically Farmed

Winemaker: Philippe Melka

Annual Production: Less than 2,000 cases

Wines Grieve Family Estate Sauvignon Blanc (\$90)

Grieve Family Winery Double Eagle Red (\$89), Sauvignon Blanc (\$49.50), and Cabernet Sauvignon (\$195)

WINEMAKING

Inspired by his early years at Bordeaux's famed Château Haut-Brion and Château Pétrus as well as Napa Valley's storied Dominus Estate, French-born winemaker Philippe Melka marries old world traditions and sensibilities with new world protocols to produce Grieve Family Wines that are harmonious expressions of site, varietal and vintage. In the cellar, select blocks destined for Grieve Family Estate wines are treated to lot-specific winemaking and extended French oak barrel aging, while the Grieve Family Double Eagle wines see a unique mix of stainless steel, concrete egg and French oak. All wines are bottled unfiltered and unfined.

VINEYARDS

The Grieve Family Estate Vineyard is located in Lovall Valley, the remote – and tiny – Napa Valley growing area tucked into the hills that separate the southern ends of Napa and Sonoma valleys. Here, fog from nearby San Pablo Bay settles daily into the unique bowl shape contours of Lovall Valley, from early evening through midday, making it one of Napa Valley's coolest regions. This unique climate profile, more like Sonoma Coast than Napa, combined with ocean-floor silt soils and meticulous organic farming produces the estate's expressive fruit signature and taught acidic structure. For their part, Grieve Family Double Eagle red wines find their provenance in top Napa Valley sites selected for their rich, valley-floor fruit profile.

Distribution: Grieve Family Wines are offered through fine wine shops and restaurants in select markets nationally, and via the winery website and mailing list.

Visit: The Grieve Family Estate Vineyard is open to guests by appointment only.

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