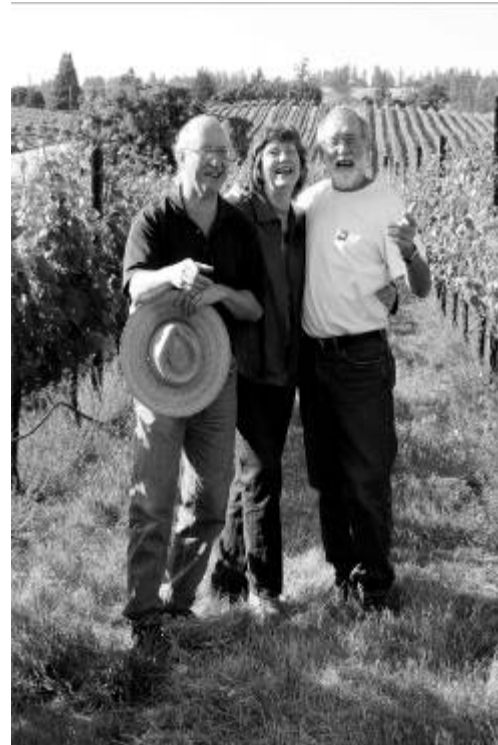


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**Handcrafted award
winning wines from
Mendocino**

Producing incredible estate Pinot Noirs
and Pinot Gris, Single Vineyard
Zinfandels and limited production
Viognier since 1989

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Our Story

Claudia Springs Winery was founded in 1989 by Bob and Claudia Klindt in the picturesque Anderson Valley of Mendocino County, California. The Anderson Valley, located less than 100 miles north of San Francisco, is one of the very best locations for producing fine, cool climate varietals such as Pinot Noir and the white Alsace varietals. The unique combination of warm sunny days and cool foggy nights allows the grapes to mature slowly, developing to their full potential.

Claudia Springs wines are made exclusively from Mendocino County vineyards with special emphasis on Anderson Valley Appellation grapes. We produce incredible estate Pinot Noirs and Pinot Gris from vines planted by Bob and Claudia. We also create award winning single vineyard designated and proprietary blended Zinfandels and a limited production Viognier from premium vineyards in the Redwood Valley and Mendocino Ridge (1200 feet above the Pacific Ocean) Appellations.

Our micro-winery's annual production remains small at 2,000-2,500 cases. We prefer this level so we can continue to provide hands-on care of each lot of wine as we nurture it from vineyard to bottle. Every bit of the work, from crushing and pressing to bottling, is done by Bob and Claudia. Our hands-on approach allows us to maintain strict, personal quality control.

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ROBERT AND CLAUDIA KLINDT PROPRIETORS AND WINEMAKERS

In the spring of 1989, Claudia and Bob Klindt were traveling through the Anderson Valley during a weekend trip. At the time, Bob, who was employed as a social worker in Santa Clara County, had already demonstrated winemaking prowess with several prizewinning homemade wines. Somewhere near the rural community of Philo, surrounded by Anderson Valley's vineyards and conifer and oak covered hills, they discovered a home and 20 acres for sale. The property was offered by Anderson Valley wine pioneer Milla Handley and included an assortment of winemaking equipment. The Klindts had dreamt of leaving the fast pace of city life, and it didn't take long for ideas to spring. By the fall of that year, the Klindts had sold their San Jose home, purchased Milla's old property, and Claudia Springs Winery was born.

With winemaker Bob Klindt at the barrels, the winery produced 550 cases of Chardonnay in the first year. Bob coupled his own experience with extension classes in enology at U.C. Davis, and his Chardonnay evolved over ensuing vintages, culminating with a gold medal at the Mendocino County Fair Commercial Wine Competition. The winery began expanding into the Pinot Noir and Zinfandel varietals. These wines have garnered more than their share of gold and double gold medals in recent years. In 2001 and



2002, their Zinfandels were named to the **Wine Enthusiast list of Top 100 Wines of the Year**.

Our philosophy, steeped in sound winemaking techniques and friendly business principals, has allowed us to build a solid customer base ranging from individual wine lovers to some of the West's finest restaurants and retail outlets.

KLINDT ESTATE, ANDERSON VALLEY

The Klindt Vineyard lies at the extreme western end of the beautiful and remote Anderson Valley in Mendocino County. Known as the "deep end" in the Boontling lingo of the valley's early residents, this is the coolest and most fog prone portion of the appellation. Running up from the valley floor in what is referred to as the Guntly Draw, there is a stretch of small vineyards which have been gaining in stature as being among the valley's elite. The Klindt Vineyard lies at the top of this draw, and on the backside Pete's

Pasture Gulch runs westward returning to the valley floor. It is up this gulch that the cold air and occasional fog that move up the Navarro River from the ocean 17 miles away find their way to the vineyard. This helps define the unique microclimate that contributes to the intense favors, firm acid and fine structure of the ensuing wines.

Planted in 1998, the vineyard consists of 8 ½ acres of Pinot Noir and 2 acres of Pinot Gris on a south by southwest facing slope. The soil consists of about 18 inches of heavy clay loam overlying a layer of fractured rock. These marginal soils, coupled with the cold climate, cause the vines to struggle and naturally limit production to an average of 2.6 ton an acre. The carefully selected Pinot Noir consists of 35 % Pommard clones 4 and 5 which provide the core of the wines with their contribution of red and black fruit and firm acid. 20% is clone 115 which adds bright fruit tones, aroma and depth, and 20 % is clone 113, from which comes structure, spice and aromatics. The remaining smaller blocks are 667 and 777 with red fruit, chocolate and earth notes. The Pinot Gris is clone 152.

Farmed sustainably, the Klindt family has worked diligently to improve what was already a great site. Regular additions of compost and annual cover crops of sweet pea, fava beans and barley rye, have brought to the soil

essential nutrients and structure which enable the vines to mature the fruit consistently. Careful pruning, deficit watering and crop thinning ensure the concentration of flavors highly sought after by Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris enthusiasts.

ZINFANDEL

Like Pinot Noir, Zinfandel has become a passion for Claudia Springs. Mendocino County is a treasure trove of incredible Zinfandel vineyards, some of which have been in production for over one hundred years. We source fruit from the best of these, focusing on unique vineyards as small as one acre, and as high in altitude as 2200 feet, producing up to 6 different bottlings a year. In most cases, small percentages of Petite Sirah we produce are blended in to optimize structure, color and mid palate.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE WINERY

Join our wine club and become a "Friend of the Winery". As a *friend*, you will receive 3 to 4 shipments per year of two to three bottles at an amazing 20% off retail prices. The wines are our new releases and special club bottling that Bob has put together just for our friends. Any wines purchased will be discounted 20% and all tasting fees are waived.