

THE ANTICA NAPA VALLEY ESTATE



The Antinori family's long, storied winemaking history is synonymous with Tuscany and Umbria, but its passion for innovation led to the discovery of a Napa Valley estate rich with winegrowing potential. This estate fulfills the family's longstanding desire to produce wines with personality and style in the Napa Valley. The Antinori family's winegrowing philosophy – to produce wines with passion, patience, and perseverance – is expressed fully here.

The estate is located in the eastern mountains of Napa Valley in the Atlas Peak District, 1,800 feet above sea level. The landscape, with its rolling hills, greatly recalls Tuscany, making it an ideal area for cultivating grapes. Antica Napa

Valley is a true blend of Italy and California, not only in name, but in style. It is the realization of a dream and marks a milestone for the production of great wine with the Antinori name. With each vintage the story continues.

THE VINEYARDS

Antica's 550 planted acres are shaped by the elevated Foss Valley and rise to the top of Atlas Peak. In an amphitheater-like setting, they are surrounded by steep slopes and are at the head of two watersheds that flow into deep canyons to the Napa Valley below.

MOUNTAINSIDE VINEYARDS

Antica's mountainside vineyard, with its rocky, low-fertility soils, is ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes are planted on the highest slopes where volcanic soil and rock outcrops are the norm. High altitude means a sunny haven above the fog line during the growing season. Heat inversion means warmer nighttime temperatures. This translates into few clusters per vine and ripened grapes with structure, concentrated fruit and persistent flavors.

FOSS VALLEY VINEYARD

This vineyard is located at the lowest elevation on the floor of Foss Valley at 1,450 feet. The Chardonnay grapes are planted in rows on gentle slopes with loamy, well-drained alluvial soils. The lower altitude means cooler nighttime temperatures. This results in fully ripe clusters that bring out Chardonnay's aromas and flavors while maintaining great purity and minerality on the finish.

TOWNSEND VINEYARD

The 24-acre Townsend Vineyard is the first vineyard-designated wine at Antica. The vineyard occupies the steep slopes of Rector Canyon, a watershed that flows to Napa Valley 1,600 feet below, providing excellent airflow and drainage. The land faces west, so it radiates with the bright sun. The knowledge gained from decades of experience in Tuscany and Napa Valley were put to use in planting the Townsend Vineyard to create a wine expressive of the terroir. Antica first produced a Townsend Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon with the 2008 vintage, and only crafts this flagship wine in exceptional vintages.

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