



DENNIS & JUDY GROTH

Dennis and Judy Groth are natives of the South Bay Area of California (Sunnyvale and San Jose) and lived there until 1985, when they moved to Napa Valley. Dennis worked at Hewlett Packard while attending college at San Jose State and in 1966 began his career as an accountant at Arthur Young & Co. (Now Ernst & Young). He became a CPA in 1968 and a partner of the firm in 1977. In early 1978, he left Ernst & Young to become Chief Financial Officer of Atari, a games and electronics subsidiary of Time Warner. During the years 1978 to 1984, Dennis also served as Executive Vice President, President of the consumer products division, and finally, President of the international division at Atari.

In 1981, the Groths purchased a 121-acre parcel in Oakville. In 1982, they added a second vineyard of 44-acres located south of Yountville. These vineyards, which total 165 acres on the valley floor of Napa, are the primary source of grapes for the Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc wines produced by Groth Vineyards & Winery.

Groth Vineyards & Winery was established in 1982, and they crushed the first grapes for their own wines that same year. Production increased quickly to 30,000 cases by 1984. By 1985, the winery needed full-time attention from Dennis and Judy, and so they moved their family to the Oakville property. Since 1982, Groth Vineyards & Winery has established a solid reputation as an outstanding producer of Napa Valley wines.

As at most family wineries, Dennis, Judy and their children has always been involved in a little of everything. In 2017, Dennis and Judy promoted their daughter Suzanne Groth to the role of president and CEO. After more than three decades, Groth remains 100% family-owned and operated by the Groth family, led by President Suzanne Groth, with Chairman Dennis Groth, Owner Judy Groth and Owner Advisor D. Andrew Groth.