



Groth

ROOTED IN OAKVILLE



OUR STORY

It was 1981 when Dennis Groth, a successful executive at Atari, and his wife, Judy, purchased a 121-acre vineyard property in Oakville, in the heart of Napa Valley. Though the vineyard needed attention, the Cabernet Sauvignon it produced was exceptional. With a long-term vision, the couple designed a wine label with an image of their mission-style winery before it was even constructed. But by 1990, hard work and excellent wine reviews had put a winery on the property and Groth firmly on the map.

Today, under the leadership of Suzanne Groth, Dennis and Judy's daughter, our family's two estates are flourishing. A decades-long plan to replant the vineyards is under way, ensuring the continuity of the estate wines and leading to the first new wines to join the Groth portfolio in decades. Rooted in Oakville and with the winery firmly under our family's control, we are determined to leave a legacy for the next generation.

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1981

Santa Clara Valley natives Dennis and Judy Groth purchase a 121-acre property in the heart of Napa Valley's Oakville region.

1982

The Groth family purchases the 44-acre Hillview Estate in the Oak Knoll District. Groth Winery marks its first crush.

OUR HOME

Oakville is not only the location of Groth's Oakville Estate, it is the place our family calls home. Having moved to the area, Dennis and Judy raised their children here. The vineyards were their playground, as is the case for today's third generation. Over the four decades we have farmed our land, we have worked closely with Oakville's tight-knit farming community to make the best wines possible from this stunning appellation. Our collective efforts have led to the AVA's deserved reputation for producing some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignons in the world.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe the quality of our wines is inextricably linked to our vineyard estates and those of our fine grower partners. Our mission is to continually improve Groth's unique wines of place through ongoing, incremental improvements in farming and winemaking. As caretakers of the sites we call home, we farm our land sustainably, taking into consideration the impact we have on the environment and communities surrounding us and the health of the entire Napa Valley watershed. Since 2014, we have been proud to be certified by the Fish Friendly Farming program.



1987

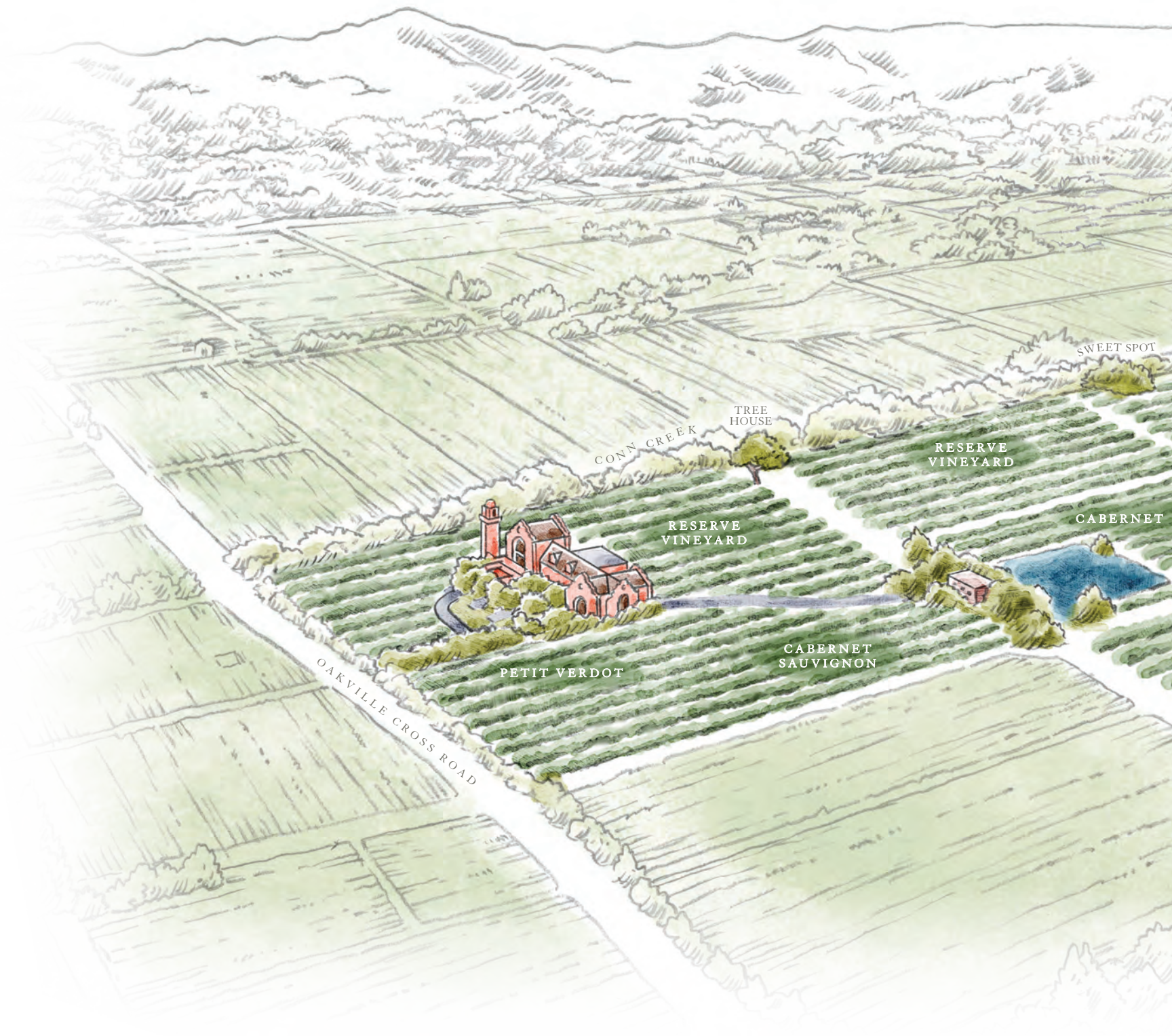
Groth's 1985 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is the first U.S. wine to earn a perfect 100-point score from Robert Parker.

1990

Construction of Groth's distinctive mission-style winery, designed by architect Robert Gianelli, is completed.

OUR ESTATES

Since 1981, when we purchased our 121-acre estate in Oakville, our family has gained an intimate knowledge of the vineyards under our control. Our long experience of living on and farming these sites has given us deep and invaluable insight and ensured that each varietal is matched to the best soil types, rootstock, clones and trellising systems for creating high-quality wines. Our vineyard and winemaking teams are fully integrated, working side by side throughout the seasons to put outstanding wine in the bottle each vintage.



OAKVILLE ESTATE

750 Oakville Cross Road | Oakville, California

97.02 TOTAL PLANTED ACRES

RESERVE BLOCKS

CABERNET SAUVIGNON | 24.21 ACRES

MERLOT | 2.06 ACRES

CABERNET FRANC | .92 ACRES

OTHER BLOCKS

CABERNET SAUVIGNON | 26.13 ACRES

SAUVIGNON BLANC | 32.10 ACRES

SEMILLON | 11.29 ACRES

PETIT VERDOT | .31 ACRES

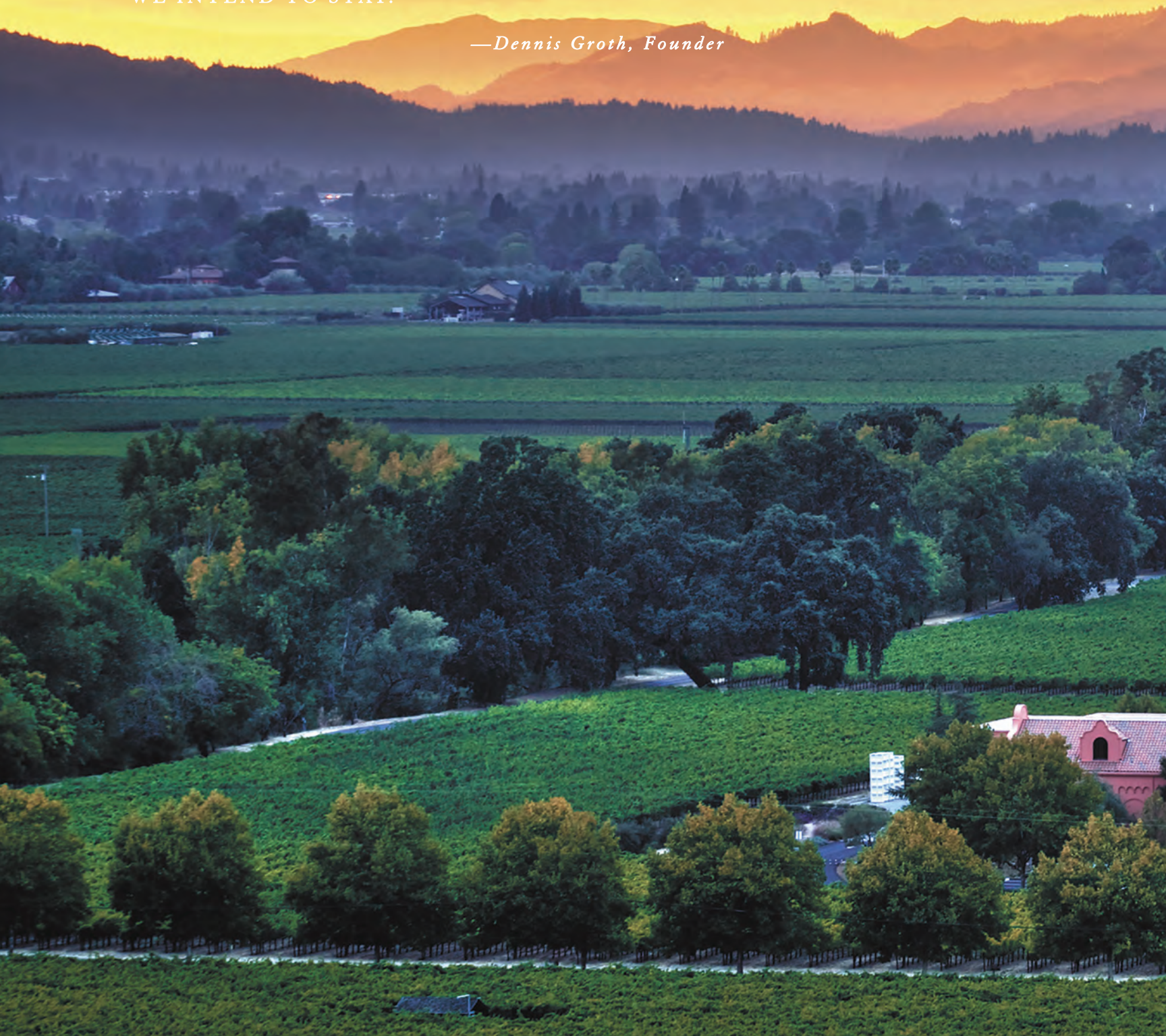
SUSTAINABLY FARMED — *Fish Friendly Farming certified since 2014*

MAYACAMAS MOUNTAINS



“OUR HOME, FAMILY AND VINES ARE IN OAKVILLE.
ROOTED IN OAKVILLE IS WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE
WE INTEND TO STAY.”

—Dennis Groth, Founder



1991

The Groths help found the Oakville Winegrowers, which successfully advocates for establishment of the Oakville AVA in 1993.

1999

Groth begins a 5-year project to replant the Reserve Vineyard, updating the rootstock, clones and trellising system.



2004

An expansion of the winery to accommodate small-lot winemaking begins.

2014

Groth earns Fish Friendly Farming certification for its estate vineyards.



OUR WINES

Our portfolio of wines comprises a fascinating exploration of the Oakville AVA, including our own Oakville Estate located at the center of the appellation and the grower partners around us. As we continue to explore the potential of our estate vineyards and those of our neighbors, we look forward to bringing new discoveries to light in the years to come.

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE

This wine represents the finest lots from our Oakville Estate's Reserve Vineyard. This nearly 28-acre band has a high amount of chert, a compact sedimentary rock consisting of quartz crystals and fossils. This unique soil profile and Oakville's ideal climate combine to produce an elegant, age-worthy wine from one of the world's top Cabernet appellations.

ESTATE WHITE, OAKVILLE

In 1994, our family replanted the Eastern side of our Oakville vineyard from Cabernet Sauvignon to Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, recognizing the potential of the clay soils in these blocks to produce white wines of great texture, depth and complexity. This bottling marks the first Groth white wine grown exclusively on the family's Oakville Estate.

OAKCROSS PROPRIETARY RED, OAKVILLE

Launched with the 2018 vintage, Oakcross Proprietary Red represents our family's continued focus on exploring the potential of our Oakville Estate and the broader Oakville AVA. Oakcross was our vineyard's original name, a reference to the corridor connecting Groth to the distinguished grower partners who also contribute to this superior red blend.



CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE

Blessed with an ideal combination of soil and climate, Oakville is recognized as one of the world's preeminent wine regions, known for its elegant, age-worthy and immensely enjoyable Cabernet Sauvignons. The fruit for this delicious wine comes from our Oakville Estate and carefully selected lots from our esteemed grower neighbors.

SAUVIGNON BLANC, NAPA VALLEY

Produced from grapes grown in various microclimates of Napa Valley, Groth Sauvignon Blanc has long been a showcase of our region's potential for this varietal. Warmer areas give the wines melon and citrus characteristics, while cooler sites provide liveliness and a solid backbone. The Semillon in the blend is from our family's Oakville Estate.

CHARDONNAY, HILLVIEW VINEYARD

This single-vineyard Chardonnay is sourced exclusively from our family's Hillview Estate in the Oak Knoll District in southern Napa Valley. This elegant wine—balanced, clean and crisp—highlights the beautiful fruit character and underlying minerality that so often exemplifies white wines from this cooler region.



OUR FLAGSHIP

When our family acquired our Oakville Estate in 1981, we knew it was a special property, one eminently suited to growing great Cabernet Sauvignon. It quickly became clear that certain Cabernet lots from the western edge of our property displayed unique, intriguing characteristics distinct enough to be bottled on their own. Those instincts were affirmed when Robert Parker of the *Wine Advocate* gave our 1985 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon—our third vintage of the wine—100 points, the first perfect score for a U.S. wine. The review sparked feverish demand for the wine and put our fledgling winery on the map.

Since then, our Reserve Vineyard has only improved. With 27 acres planted mostly to Cabernet Sauvignon, the site is an anomaly within the greater 121 acres of the Oakville Estate, and within the Oakville AVA itself. The soils set this narrow band of vineyard apart. While generally described as gravelly, sandy loam, they also feature an abundance of red chert, a hard sedimentary rock made up of small quartz crystals and fossils. These rocks were deposited in this thin sliver of land by an alluvial fan flowing out of the Vaca Range to the east millions of years ago. Found in disproportionate amounts in this part of Oakville, they represent the heart and soul of the “sweet spot” we call our Reserve Vineyard.

2017

Suzanne Groth is named President & CEO, leading the winery and stewarding the estate vineyards for the next generation.

2018

The Groth family approves a 30-year vineyard replanting project to secure the winery's future for the third generation.

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