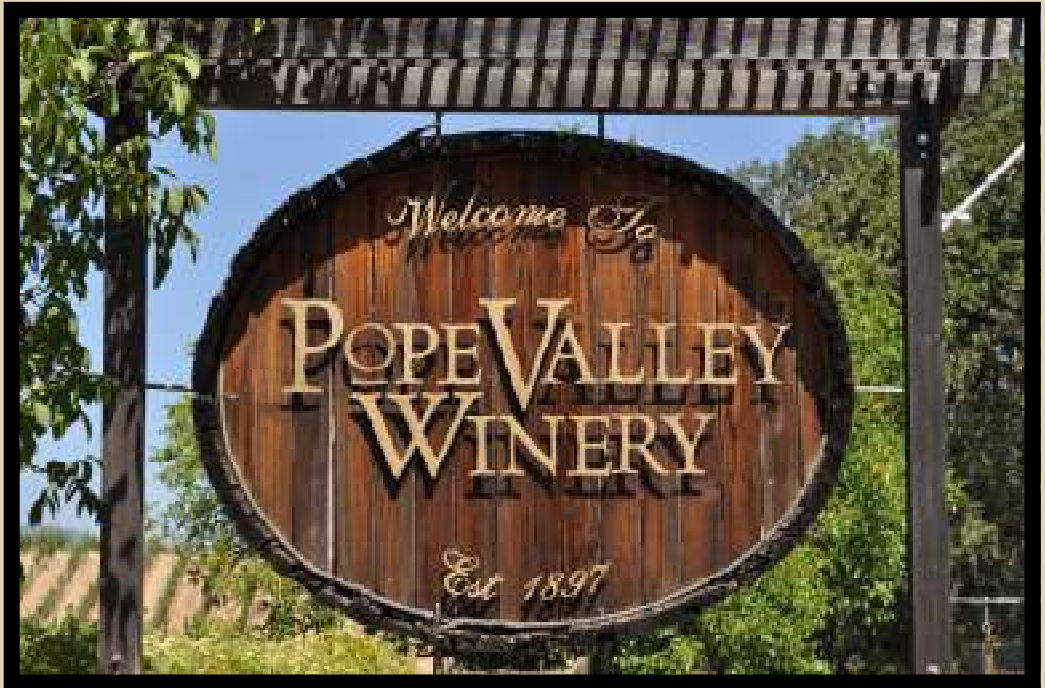


Turn left and go back 100 years...



A history of Pope Valley & Pope Valley Winery
Then and now over a hundred years of history



Now & Then 100 years of History....



POPE VALLEY WINERY INTRODUCTION

Tucked away, deep in the recesses of the Napa Valley you'll find one of California's secret treasures ... Pope Valley is one of the fastest growing wine regions in America, yet it still retains that peaceful, country feeling. With over a century of history, the Pope Valley Winery elicits the feel of the early California pioneer lifestyle and provides our visitors with a chance to reflect back on simpler times. Pope Valley Winery is situated above Napa Valley on the northern face of Howell Mountain.

Pope Valley Winery was founded in 1897 by Ed Haus. The winery is a showcase of 19th century winemaking technology; the main building - situated on top of the Haus Creek that meanders through the property so as to conserve usable land - rises three stories against a hillside enabling the use of gravity to move the wine from stemmer/crusher to press to barrel. The winery is built into the hillside to create cave-like cool temperatures and higher humidity for the bottom barrel room.

Also on the property is the original homestead family house, and a blacksmiths workshop with century-old equipment inside. We lovingly produce almost 5,000 cases a year of the finest wines in Napa Valley. Our wines are hand crafted from our estate vineyards from vines that were planted as far back as 1940.

Pope Valley Winery hand-crafts wine from the estate Eakle Ranch and the nearby Meyercamp Ranch in the Pope Valley Region of Napa Valley. Pope Valley Winery is noted for its Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Reserve, Zinfandel Port, and Chenin Blanc. Other Great wines include Sauvignon Blanc, Sangiovese, Merlot & Zinfandel to name a few.

THE EARLY YEARS OF POPE VALLEY

The area now known as Pope Valley was originally named for the Indians who lived there, the Wappos. The first white settler in Pope Valley was Julian Pope, from whom the valley derived its name. Born in Kentucky, as a young man he moved to Mexico where he lived as a hunter and trapper. In 1830, he visited the Mexican town of San Diego for the purpose of procuring supplies and was arrested because he had violated the Mexican law by entering their county without a passport. He was confined for about a year, when the captain of an American merchant ship which had entered the port, heard of Pope's plight and prevailed upon the Mexican officials to release him.

In 1836, he emigrated with his family to Los Angeles and in 1841 he obtained a land grant (The Locallome land grant) to what is now Pope Valley from the Mexican government, and brought his family to Napa County. The grant was approximately six miles long and three miles wide. Julian and his family built an adobe homestead and named it Rancho Locallome. The governor signed his grant, affixed the government seal, Julian Pope paid the twenty-five cent fee and became the owner of Pope Valley.

The earliest recorded settlers to arrive in Pope Valley was in 1843. The main industry in Pope Valley was raising stock, cattle, horses, sheep & hogs being the principal sources of income. Grizzly bears were the worst pest to which the stockmen had to contend. The bears would come into the fields and corrals and kill the young livestock. They were numerous till the 1870's.



THE MINING INDUSTRY

Quicksilver mining in the hills northwest of Pope Valley was a big industry starting in the early 1860's. The first quicksilver mine was discovered by accident. A fire broke out in the hills, and Tom Newman, figuring that the animals would come running out of the woods, took his gun and went out in hopes of killing a deer. While crossing a burned area he noticed some cinnabar. He contacted J. M. Hamilton and the Phoenix Mine was opened, named for the mythological Phoenix bird that rose from the ashes.

This mine proved to be very rich and other mines in the vicinity were discovered. The Oat Hill Mine was an active producing mine for more than fifty years, producing more quicksilver than any other mine in the world. George Fellows located the Aetna Springs Quicksilver Mine in 1897 which proved rich in ore but excessive heat in the mine prevented from being worked extensively. In 1877, Aetna Springs Resort was built becoming a favorite watering spot and retreat for San Francisco socialites.



THE HAUS FAMILY AND A STORY OF LOST LOVE

Samuel Haus was born in 1826 in Switzerland. He was a blacksmith. Samuel married Regula Elliker, born in 1829, and they settled in Zurich where they had twelve children. Three of the children emigrated to the United States to earn money for the family. Arnold, Emma and Ed went to Texas in 1881. Arnold succumbed to small pox, Emma married, and Ed Haus left to find a new life in California.

In 1882 Ed purchased a farm in Pope Valley and opened a blacksmith shop. Once Ed was able to get settled and put aside a little money , he wrote back to his Family to send out his childhood sweetheart, Ida Leimbacher to become his wife. Swiss tradition allowed only the eldest girl to marry first , so to his surprise the family sent out Ida's eldest sister Bertha. Ed was disappointed, but married Bertha and they started a life together and had two children, Sam & Lillian.

Ed & Bertha started a life together and founded the Burgundy Winery. The winery was constructed in 1897 from massive timbers moved down from the Oat Hill Quicksilver Mine. The winery is a three story gravitational flow winery, with hand dug cave. The cave took over 9 years to dig.



Above : Ed & Bertha Haus with family in front of the original homestead

Left: Ed & Bertha Haus with Children

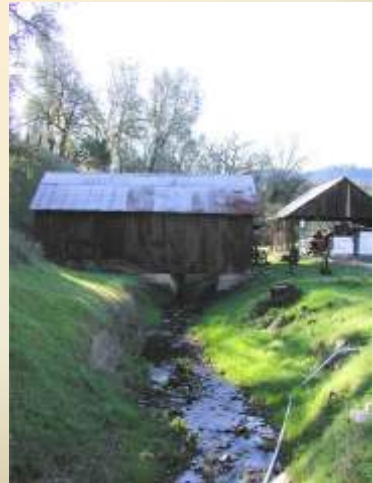
Right : Ed & Bertha in the later years



POPE VALLEY WINERY & PROHIBITION

The Pope Valley Winery was originally the Burgundy Winery & Olive Factory and was managed by Ed Haus.

During prohibition, the winery continued to do well. Ed's son Sam , while in the military, befriended a young man from Chicago. Through his connections , the Haus family began to take wine on a horse cart down to Napa, where it boarded a train and went to Chicago to be served in Al Capone's speakeasies and brothels. When Al started "offing" people he owed money to, Sam prudently stopped selling to the mob. To outside sources it appeared the winery ceased operations during prohibition, and was reopened after its repeal. (After reading the Haus family diaries, we know better!)



OWNERSHIP OF THE POPE VALLEY WINERY

Ed's children, Sam & Lily Haus operated the winery until 1959. Then in 1972 the Devitt Family purchased it. The Devitt family then decide to sell the winery in the mid 1990's.

Long time Pope Valley residents Jim, Sam, and Henry Eakle, Ralf Gerdes, Manny Gomes and Rodney Young joined together to purchase this historical winery in 1997 and brought new life back into the Pope Valley.

In 2009 the next generation of Eakle's stepped in to continue building and furthering the families vision for Pope Valley Winery as a fine winemaking establishment. Currently siblings, David Eakle as winemaker (along with consultant Shaun Richardson) and Diana Eakle Hawkins as general manager, are making great strides in brining Pope Valley Winery to the next level.



THE WINERY TODAY

The Pope Valley Winery is an amazing Estate. Forty beautiful acres are left of the original one hundred and sixty acre property. Adjoining the three-story winery are six structures including a blacksmith shop, wagon shed and original farmhouse. Many of the original tools and equipment still remain within these buildings.

The winery currently produces very high quality, hand-crafted wines. Total production is just under 5,000 cases a year. The winery's holdings include just over eighty acres of prime Pope Valley Vineyards planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Sangiovese, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc and Petite Verdot.





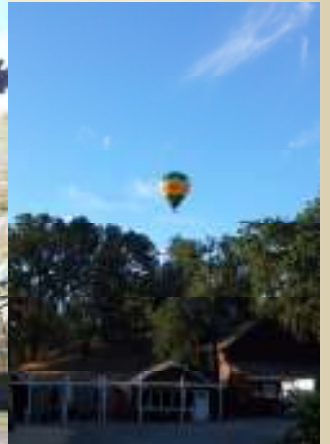


Estate Vineyards



Eakle Ranch Vineyards

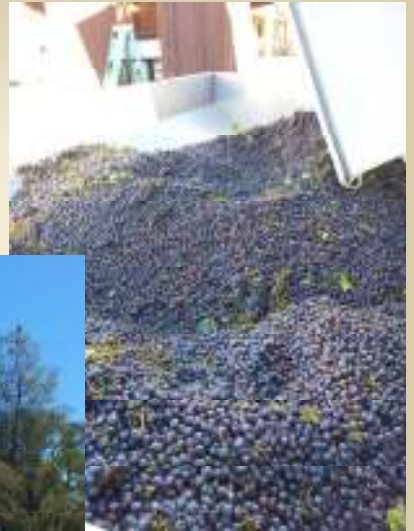




The Estate



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Winery Pets



Kitten



Gus



Boo Boo





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