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Company Profile and Mission Statement

Melville Winery is a family-owned and operated vineyard in Santa Barbara County that specializes in creating Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Syrah.

Ron Melville founded Melville Winery in 1989 as an ambitious father with a dream of creating exceptional wines, accompanied by an equally exceptional tasting experience. Ron purchased land in the Santa Ynez Valley to jumpstart this passion and the estate winery has sat there ever since.



In 2005, Melville Winery expanded and opened a tasting room in the heart of Downtown Santa Barbara. The tasting room features over 30 wine variations and is a direct reflection of the experience that one would have if they were tasting at the estate vineyard.

Melville's skilled team has worked tirelessly over the years to create wine that appeals to a novice or a connoisseur. They offer yearly wine club memberships and have recently adopted a program called "*Melville On the Go*", which offers an at-home tasting experience.

Each fall, Melville Winery participates in the California Wine Festival hosted in Santa Barbara, California, alongside dozens of other vendors. To set themselves apart, Melville Winery aims to create three new wines prior to the festival that encapsulate that past year as a whole.

In 2021, the California Sustainable Winegrowing Program accepted Melville Winery as a certified sustainable vineyard - the first winery in Santa Barbara County to earn this honor. The winegrowers at Melville Winery hope to create a fully sustainable Pinot Noir by the year 2023.

Melville's Mission

Melville Winery is a family-owned and operated vineyard that is dedicated to creating exceptional wines with an equally exceptional tasting experience. They continue to build upon a legacy of superior quality wines that would satiate both novices and connoisseurs.

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History

Situated amongst the beautiful rolling hills of Western Santa Ynez Valley, Melville is dedicated to producing exceptional cold-climate Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Syrah grown exclusively in their estate vineyards throughout the Sta. Rita Hills appellation.

Founded in 1989, Melville is a family-owned and operated estate winery with its roots in Sonoma County's Knights Valley, where Ron Melville grew high-quality and greatly sought-after grapes.

In 1996, Ron's desire to grow cold-climate Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Syrah brought Melville Vineyards to the Sta. Rita Hills, located in the Western Santa Ynez Valley of Santa Barbara County. Today, Ron and his son, Chad Melville, uphold Melville's tradition as one of the most highly-regarded estates in California.

Vineyard

Located in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation in Santa Barbara County, Melville currently has 120 acres under vine.

When Ron Melville and his sons decided to develop their estate vineyards and winery in Lompoc, a prime area for growing cool-climate varieties, they recognized the importance of distinguishing this unique area within the valley. As such, the Melville family was heavily involved in the creation of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, which was granted in 2001.

Crew

Ron Melville: Ron grew up with a love of gardening, a passion passed down to him from his father. Ron eventually turned his attention to grape growing, and since 1987, has devoted his life to studying viticulture and growing high-quality grapes in northern California. In Sonoma County's Knights Valley, Ron successfully grew Chardonnay, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon. At that time, his grapes were sold to renowned producers such as Geyser Peak Winery, Dry Creek Vineyards, and Chateau St. Jean. In 1996, Ron and his sons developed 82 acres of vineyards in Lompoc, where he planted 16 different clones of Pinot Noir, 6 different clones of Chardonnay, and 9 clones of Syrah. Ron's extraordinary vision and decisive nature led him to purchase Melville's Estate Vineyards years before the area received Federal recognition as an American Viticultural Area (AVA).