



HILL FAMILY
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After more than 23 years of growing grapes for some of Napa Valley's finest wineries, the Hill Family decided to produce their own wines. In 2001, Hill Family Estate released their first vintage, a "Beau Terre" vineyard designated Merlot and proprietary blend by the name of "Origin." By definition, Origin is the foundation, the beginning of something. For the Hills', their passion for wine and love for the Napa Valley all begins with family.

Destiny drew them to this wonderful part of the world in the 1970's. The romance of the fog rolling over the hills on the western side of the valley in the summer enchanted Darci to settle in Yountville. She immediately involved herself in the community by acting and singing at the Napa Valley Theatre Company. Doug Hill moved to town nine years later, with a degree in plant science and started managing vineyards for the Jaeger Family. In 1981, Doug and Darci settled down on an acre of land at the northern edge of Yountville. Their children, Ryan and Carly, grew up playing in the vineyards, tending chickens, and played baseball and basketball. They also helped their neighbors grow organic fruits and vegetables for the local restaurants including Thomas Keller's world renowned "French Laundry."

The family began to select and plant their own vineyards in the 1980's, using their intimate knowledge of the multiple Napa Valley microclimates, soil variations and the many subtle growing factors which influence the characteristics of the grape and the resulting quality of wine. They planted Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Albarino, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc in the Los Carneros appellation. Known for its clay soils and cool climate, Carneros creates perfect conditions to allow these varieties to develop their complex flavors. They planted Merlot, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon in the Oak Knoll district, and Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah at 1500 feet elevation near Atlas

Peak; both areas with a perfect environment to develop the rich berry flavor and intense fruit color that make these red wines some of the best in the world.

As growers and vintners, their goal is meticulous attention to vine growth and optimum fruit production, allowing each variety at each location to fully mature to its peak potential. The Hill Family's constant pursuit of excellence in vineyard management and winemaking allows them to produce wines which beautifully express the individuality and depth of character in each varietal. From the romance of the label to the time and dedication put into each bottle, the Hill Family invites you to share their wine.

Key Personnel

Douglas Hill, Proprietor, President, Vineyard Manager

Darci Hill, Proprietor, Aesthetics Director

Ryan Hill, Proprietor, Director of Sales

Carly Hill, Proprietor

Alison Green-Doran, Winemaker

Christie Friday, Operations Manager

Hill Family Estate Vital Statistics

Location of custom press facility: Laird Family Estate

First Crush: 2001

Location of Vineyards: Oak Knoll, Los Carneros, Atlas Peak, Coombsville, Wooden Valley and American Canyon

Wines Produced: Merlot, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, "Origin" Blend, Syrah, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Albarino and Rose' of Pinot Noir

Total Production: 14,000 cases

Hill Family Estate Essentials

- Family owned by Doug, Darci, Ryan and Carly Hill
- Premiere Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon producers
- Fifth generation California Farmers
- Hill Family Estate grows a majority of its grapes on fifteen different vineyard locations in the Napa Valley
- The Hill's have lived in their home on the Northeast side of Yountville for the past 35 years

Who we grow for...

Doug Hill currently manages 600 acres of vineyard producing grapes for many of the best wineries in the Napa Valley. They include:

Silver Oak

Duckhorn

David Ramey

Stag's Leap Winery

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

Quintessa

Robert Mondavi

Raymond Vineyard

Mumm

Clos du Val

Snowden Brothers

Caymus

Cakebread

Mission Statement

Our mission at Hill Family Estate is to source the best grapes from our vineyards to create high quality consumer friendly wines.

Goal

Our goal at Hill Family Estate is to create balanced vines while utilizing sustainable, environmentally friendly farming practices.

Vineyards of Hill Family Estate

Beau Terroir

Appellation: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Location: Foster Road

Planted Acres: 21.5

Varietals Planted: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir

Year Planted: 1994

Soil: Clay loamy to rocky loam soils

Stewart Ranch

Appellation: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Location: South Jefferson Street and Highway 29

Planted Acres: 25

Varietals Planted: Merlot, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Musque, Albarino

Year Planted: 1997

Soil: Haire loam soils

Red Door

Appellation: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Location: Withers Road

Planted Acres: 2

Varietals Planted: Merlot

Year Planted: 2000

Soil: Loam soils

Beau Terre Vineyard

Appellation: Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

Location: Big Ranch Road

Planted Acres: 10 acres

Varietals Planted: Merlot, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon

Years Planted: 1997, 2000

Soil: Gravelly loam soil

Three Hills Vineyard

Appellation: Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

Location: Salvador Avenue

Planted Acres: 9.5

Varietals Planted: Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon

Year Planted: 2001

Soil: Gravelly loam and silty loam soils

Briarstone Vineyard

Appellation: Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

Location: Soda Canyon Road

Planted Acres: 25

Varietals Planted: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot

Years Planted: 1990, 1992

Soil: Rocky loam and volcanic soils

Baker/Mansfield

Appellation: Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

Location: Soda Canyon Road

Planted Acres: 14

Varietals Planted: Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Chardonnay

Year Planted: 2000

Soil: Rocky soil with both igneous stone and areas of volcanic ash