



Wise Villa Winery News & Construction Update

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Growth and Expanded Production

The exciting development of our new production facility and expanded vineyards continues to move forward in the face of the severe materials shortage of 2021. If you have visited Wise Villa Winery recently, you may have noticed several 20' high concrete walls embedded in the hillside located 100 feet East of our current winery building. This is the future home of our new storage and production facility. You may have also noticed the forms are already

in place for the 15,000 square foot concrete floor slab. As with other construction projects throughout California, we are in a holding pattern while waiting for concrete to become available.

Planting More Vines

Since being compelled to wait for concrete, we took the timing opportunity to further excavate the “North-east Slope Vineyard” in preparation for planting additional new vines. After completing the hillside excavation and inground irrigation infrastructure during this past summer, we decided further consideration of the topography would be prudent. Ultimately, it was decided the hillside remained too steep to safely operate heavy equipment required for vineyard management. Naturally, as soon as we finished the second excavation, the weather became uncooperative and dumped over 7 inches of rain on the hillside over the trailing 24-day period. Fortunately, we had the presence of mind to cover the 134,000 square foot hillside with a 6” layer of straw, which prevented excessive erosion. In the Spring of 2022, we will begin planting the new vineyard spanning approximately ½ mile from Wise Road on the North to Garden Bar Road on the South. We will be taking delivery and planting several grape varieties which are not currently being cultivated on the Wise Villa Estate grounds. These include Cabernet Franc, Barbera, Sauvignon Blanc, and Muscat Blanc to name a few. We expect to begin commercially harvesting the new vines in 2024, with the first wine vintages being released in 2025.





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Additional Cabernet Sauvignon in the Mix

In addition to planting approximately 6,000 new vines on the Wise Villa Estate grounds, Wise Villa entered into a long-term vineyard lease agreement to manage and harvest 5 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon currently growing on the north side of the Sierra College Blvd summit. The very steep, southwest facing vineyard has a soil composition of volcanic, cobble, and decomposed granite coupled with a microclimate



that is above the fog line which makes it an ideal location for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. These geographic advantages will produce an intense Cabernet Sauvignon flavor profile commonly found in the Howell Mountain District of Napa Valley. Because this vineyard is too steep for farm equipment to operate safely, it will continue to be only hand farmed and harvested- resulting in the highest quality grapes in our region. With the addition of our new production facility, estate vineyard, and the “Sierra College Hill” vineyard, Wise Villa Winery will soon have the capacity to produce approximately 25,000 cases annually.

What's Next?

In the spring of 2022, pending the outcome of several geotechnical engineering studies we have commissioned, we are expecting to also commence construction of **Miners Creek Brewery**. The brewery will be owned and operated by the some of the same family members you currently find working in and around Wise Villa Winery. However, with the brewery venture, it will be the third-generation family members in charge of the day-to-day operations from Brewmeister to Tasting Room management. Miners Creek Brewery will be located on Highway 193 where Sierra College terminates. It is a wonderful location spanning 24 acres with the Auburn Ravine River on the Northern property boundary, and a beautiful 2-acre pond on the Southeast corner. Evidence of late 1800's gold mining activity is present throughout the property including dredge tailings, a sealed mine shaft and a large gold dredge pond. We have recently completed the tasks of clearing brush and cleaning out the spring fed, turquoise water pond located just off the Highway 193 and Sierra College Blvd intersection. We expect to begin planting hops in the spring of 2022 with construction of the brewery structure beginning shortly thereafter.



About Wise Villa Winery: Worlds Away... and yet Minutes from Home, Wise Villa Winery was awarded the Golden State Winery of the Year in 2015 from the CA State Fair and was recognized as the Most Awarded Winery in North America for Single Varietal Wines in 2019. Estate-Grown and Produced, the elegance of Wise Villa Wines can be enjoyed 7 days a week over panoramic vineyard views expertly paired with gourmet dining from their on-site, Tuscan inspired restaurant. **More information can be found at www.wisevillawinery.com or by calling the tasting room at 916-543-0323.** Wise Villa Winery Address: 4200 Wise Road, Lincoln, CA 95648.