

## THREE GENERATIONS OF FINE WINEMAKING



Brutocao Family Vineyards' roots go back three generations to Venice, Italy. When the Brutocao family came to the New World and married into the Bliss family of farmers, it was only natural they would combine their passions and become grape growers and winemakers.

Today the family produces more than 30 wines from 15 varietals of fruit grown in Southern Mendocino County and Anderson Valley, California. Brutocao and Bliss Family Vineyards wines include Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as unique Italian varietals Primitivo, Barbera, Sangiovese, Dolcetto, and the proprietary Quadriga, a blend of all four of their Italian varietals.



The family is well represented at Notre Dame — their “In Celebration of Family” bronze of Jesus, Mary and Joseph sharing an intimate family moment is a sculptural landmark on the Notre Dame campus. Six family members are graduates (Dan, '82; Scott, '91; Marcus, '06; Paul, '09; Caitlin, SMC '09; Adam, '11), and Connor, '15, is currently enrolled. Two others, Rudi and Diana Brutoco, are longtime members of the President's Circle and the Arts & Letters Advisory Council.

More recently, the family established the Rudolf Brutoco, MD Fellowship, which helps attract the nation's top Psychology graduate students to Notre Dame. Dr. Brutoco is the 2014 recipient of the Dr. William Sexton Award, which is given to a non-alumnus who has provided “outstanding service to the University and lived a life that exemplifies the spirit of Notre Dame.”



Brutocao Cellars shares Notre Dame's passion for tradition, family, and excellence. Four distinct vineyards comprise 400 acres in Northern California's renowned wine country, providing more than enough soils and micro-climates to grow 12 types of grapes, including four Italian heritage varietals, and even Tuscan-style olives and olive oils. Each label features the Lion of St. Mark, as a salute to the family's ancestral home near Venice, Italy. Brutocao wines are exclusively estate grown and bottled, winning dozens of awards and competitions annually. Most recently, Brutocao was awarded by the San Francisco Chronicle and selected to represent Stanford University as a part of their 2013 collection of alumni wines.

Brutocao Cellars was selected as a top 18 Hot California Winery for 2013 by highly respected wine industry consultants Gomberg, Fredrikson & Associates.

The vineyards are located in California's famous wine country, just north of Sonoma County, in the small town of Hopland. The picturesque rolling hill vineyards, cozy tasting room, delicious food, and internationally-sanctioned bocce ball courts make it a wonderful destination. Visit Brutocao Cellars to experience this Italian family's wine country hospitality. Salute!  
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THIS MONTH'S FEATURED *Wine Academy* VINEYARD



**SAUVIGNON BLANC // BRUTOCAO (MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA)**

Opens with Grapefruit and Melon Aromatics with a Finish of Honeydew Melon

**PINOT NOIR // BRUTOCAO (ANDERSON VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)**

Flavors of Lush Strawberries and Cola with Round Tannins and Toasty Vanilla

**RED BLEND // BRUTOCAO "CORO RESERVE" (MENDOCINO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)**

66% Zinfandel; 20% Barbera; 14% Primitivo Producing Flavors That Reflect the Coro Mendocino

**MERLOT // BRUTOCAO "BLISS" (MENDOCINO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)**

Flavors of Dark Fruit, Coffee and Cocoa with Aromas of Plum and Black Cherry

**ZINFANDEL // BRUTOCAO "HOPLAND RANCHES" (MENDOCINO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)**

Fruit Forward with Aromatics of Raspberries, Red Cherries and Anise

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON // BRUTOCAO "HOPLAND RANCHES"  
(MENDOCINO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)**

Aromas of Blackberries and Spice with Dark Cherries, Earthy Undertones and a Bit of Oak