In 2013, the Louis M. Martini Winery celebrated its 80th anniversary of crafting the flagship wine of Napa Valley: Cabernet Sauvignon. With the simple, honest premise that the best grapes make the best wines, Louis M. Martini, the eponymous founder of the winery, set out to acquire the finest vineyards in what is now one of the world’s most renowned wine-producing regions in the world.

SETTLING IN THE HEART OF NAPA VALLEY

Long before the establishment of American Viticultural Areas and just after Prohibition was repealed in 1933, Louis M. Martini built his Napa Valley winery in St. Helena. There, he began a tradition that would span three generations to the present day. Believing that special wines hail from special places, the Martini family tradition relied on seeking out the most impeccable fruit to create complex, memorable wines.

Louis M. Martini’s pursuit led him to purchase the Goldstein Ranch on the Sonoma side of the Mayacamas Mountains in 1938, securing one of the most coveted grape growing sites in California. As the site was once an active volcano, Martini aptly renamed the property Monte Rosso Vineyard for its mountaintop setting and red, volcanic soil. Home to heritage Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel vines planted as early as 1890, the historic vineyard would become the foundation for Louis M. Martini wines and help place Northern California on the world enological map.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Today, the Martini team builds on the family legacy of enduring world-class winemaking and trusting relationships with the winegrowers of Napa’s and Sonoma’s most sought-after vineyards. Our heritage, our devotion to craft, and our commitment to excellence continue to earn the highest accolades for our esteemed collection of Cabernets.

E&J GALLO AND NOTRE DAME

In line with the E. & J. Gallo Winery’s commitment to excellence, many Gallo family members have attended the University of Notre Dame for a quality higher education, including David E. Gallo (‘61), Joseph E. Gallo (‘62), Stephanie Gallo Tyler (‘94) and Joseph C. Gallo (‘98).

Today, E. & J. Gallo Winery is the largest family-owned winery in the world, producing a broad array of products enjoyed by consumers around the world.