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TALBOTT VINEYARDS™



Talbott Vineyards

Inspired from the traditions of Burgundy and rooted in California soils, the world-renowned Talbott Vineyards crafts 100% estate-grown Burgundian varieties in one of California's most storied coastal terriers.

The story began in 1950 when the Talbott family started a luxury tie company in Carmel, California. The family visited French and Italian vineyards during silk buying trips to Europe and became interested in fine wine. As their interest peaked, they aspired to produce their own California wines, using the Burgundian techniques they had become passionate about.

In 1982, Robb Talbott planted the Diamond T Vineyard in Carmel Valley. Diamond T was a cliff-side vineyard, made of almost soil-free chalky shale with steep, exposed shale boulders. He was told the site was “too cold,” “too difficult to plant” and “too challenging

to grow on.” But Robb held on to his vision as he prepared the vineyard by hand, breaking apart its massive boulders with a 12-pound sledgehammer. Against all odds, the vines at Diamond T produced wines of great intensity.

After years of working with fruit from Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, the Talbott family acquired the property in 1994, making Talbott an all-estate winery. Blocks of old Wente clone vines were planted in 1972 and Sleepy Hollow soon earned a reputation for producing wines of great depth and voluptuousness.

Today Sleepy Hollow's River Road block is home to the winery's state-of-the-art winemaking facility and has put Monterey and the Santa Lucia Highlands on the map as world-renowned winegrowing regions.

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. Gallo's ever-growing portfolio comprises a wide range of premium domestic and international wines.