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## OUR WINERY

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The Lasseters feel that serendipity led them to this special property, which was first planted with grapes by a French winemaker in 1894. At the time, Glen Ellen was home to a significant number of French-speaking settlers, many of whom were growing grapes and producing wine. This heritage meshed perfectly with John and Nancy's love of French wines and the old world approach to winemaking. They acquired the property in 2002.

The Lasseter family recognized the importance of providing its winemaker with the necessary tools to make world-class wines. Since the original production facility had been modified extensively over the years and had lost all significant historical value, they decided to build a completely new, eco-friendly winery. The under-

stated new structure, designed by architect Jessie Whitesides, pays homage to early Californian architecture. It was built within the footprint of the historic winery site, keeping a low profile and using subtle materials that complement the surrounding natural environment. First used for production during harvest 2010, the winery was completed in 2011.

The winery is designed to process grapes as gently as possible. Using state of the art equipment, the emphasis is on cleanliness, minimal handling, and limited intervention. Observing the highest standards possible, the winery is once again producing fine wines with a decidedly French accent.

The Lasseter Family Winery is open to the public by appointment only. Please call (707) 933-2814 or email [info@lffwinery.com](mailto:info@lffwinery.com).