

# NALLE WINERY



Estate Old Vine Zinfandel, Dry-Farmed, Small Lot,  
Family Owned and Operated for 5 Generations.

We make serious wines, but judging from our family crest, we can get pretty squirrely.

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ANDREW NALLE, WINEMAKER/OWNER





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Our Winery Features a Living Roof Which Acts as  
an Above-Ground Cave Cellar

## A Little Bit About Nalle

Nalle (pronounced with a silent 'e') is one of the oldest wineries in Dry Creek Valley and has been family owned and run since Doug and Lee Nalle established it in 1984. Today their son Andrew is the head winemaker and proprietor. Lee's family roots in Dry Creek Valley go back to the 1880's when her great grandfather, John Henderlong, ran sheep in the valley on a ranch (now underwater at Lake Sonoma). In 1917, Lee's grandparents, Fred and Ruby Henderlong, bought the property on which the winery is now operated. The estate is located two miles from Healdsburg in the historic Dry Creek Valley of Sonoma County on land the family has farmed for five generations.

# Winemaking Philosophy

The Nalle winemaking style has remained the same for over 35 years: moderate alcohol, balanced, food friendly, and built to age. Known primarily for Zinfandel, the wines showcase the elegantly refined side of the varietal by bringing its beautiful zinberry characteristics and natural acidity to the forefront. The final result is a more focused yet seductive expression of Zinfandel that will make you think differently about the varietal.



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Cast and Crew



## The Wines

Small lots of old vine, dry-farmed, and estate wines including Zinfandel, Cabernet, and Russian River Pinot Noir are produced in the above-ground-cave cellar, kept cool year-round by a living roof of rosemary. Andrew, like his father Doug, is dedicated to creating structured, fruit-forward wines in the old-school California style. All tastings are offered right in the middle of the working winery and usually you will find one of us behind the tasting bar, ready to talk all things wine.

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93 Year Old Dry Farmed Estate Zin

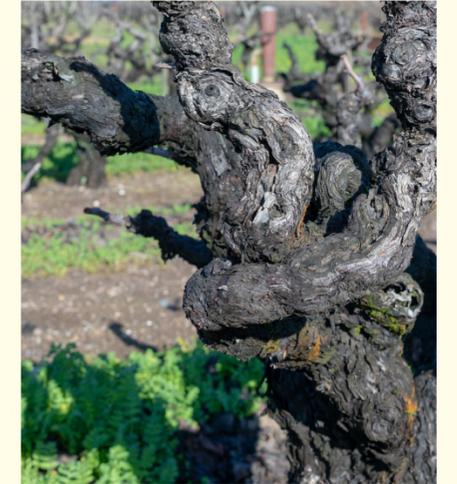


# Nalle Estate Zinfandel

OLD VINE | DRY FARMED | PLANTED 1927

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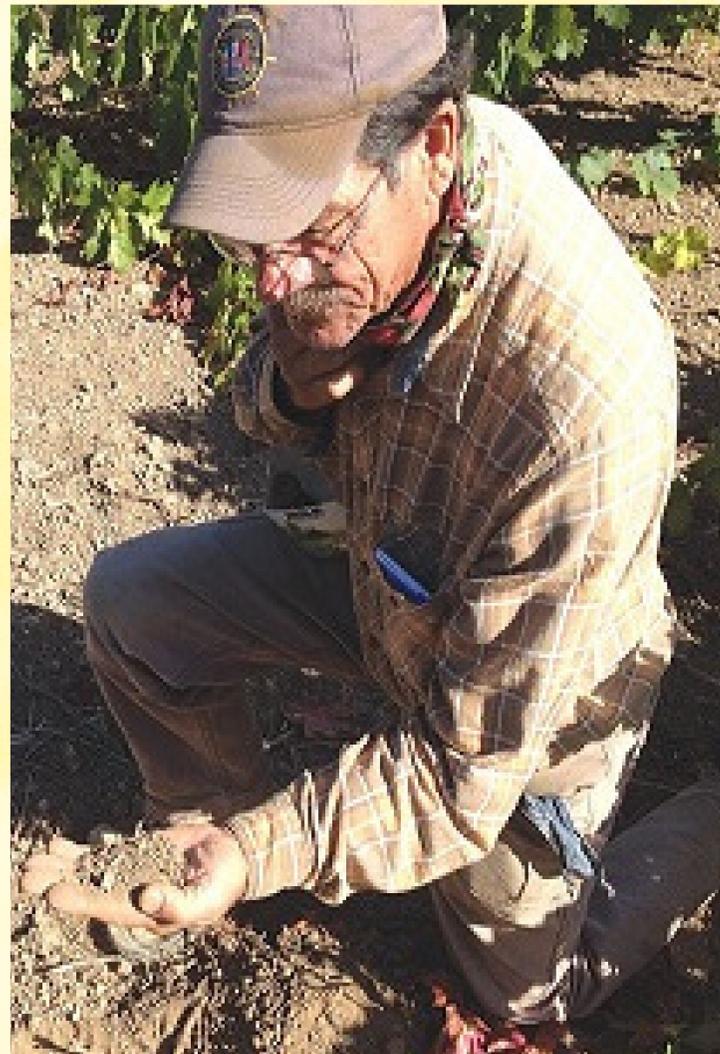
Located just two miles from Healdsburg in the historic Dry Creek Valley of Sonoma County, Nalle Winery sits on land the family has owned since 1917 and overlooks the old vine Zinfandel block planted in 1927 by Andrew's great-great grandparents, Fred and Ruby Henderlong, during Prohibition. Occupying roughly 1.5 acres of prime benchland, the old vines are dry-farmed and head trained, yielding intense fruit flavors, balanced acidity, and structured tannins. Soils here are well-drained, gravelly clay loam that help to impart layered notes of raspberry, strawberry, violet, and rhubarb. Like stepping back in time... elegant, old-fashioned Zin flavors reflect the rich history of this land that has been cultivated for winemaking for over 90 years. We are proud to be part of the Historic Vineyard Society, preserving California's oldest vines.



# Bernier-Sibary 'Zinyard'

HILLSIDE | DRY FARMED | FIELD BLEND

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The Bernier-Sibary 'Zinyard' is located roughly 5 miles north of Nalle Winery at the northern end of Dry Creek Valley. Here on this wild hillside, Paul Bernier and his family have been sustainably farming the Sibary property for over 20 years. The Upper Block, where Nalle has been sourcing fruit since 2004, sits on a sloping ridge, rising to an elevation of 550 feet. Head trained, dry farmed vines yield fruit with focused, lively flavors. A classic field blend of 80% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah, and 10% Carignane, this block is reminiscent of the old world. Harvested at the same time and fermented together, the Petite Sirah and Carignane add color and mid palate strength to complement the brambly, complex flavors of our classic, Dry Creek Valley Zin. Slightly acidic, fine loamy soils formed from sandstone and found mainly in steep mountainous areas encourage the development of small berries with tempered acidity and weighty tannin structure.



# Hopkins River Ranch Pinot Noir

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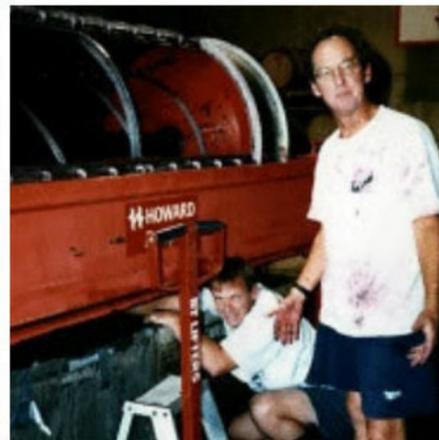
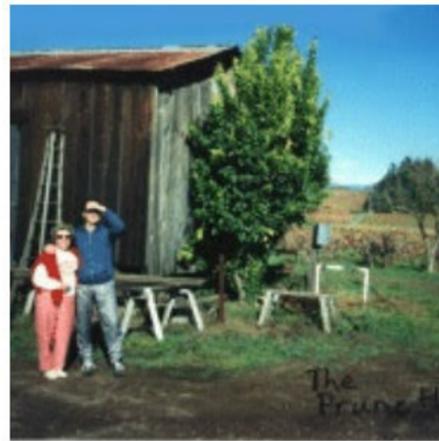
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Hopkins River Ranch has seen the transition from hops to prunes to grapes in the last 65 years and extends from near the banks of the Russian River to the eastern rolling hills above Star Road. Located in the heart of the Russian River AVA, soils here are well drained loam over a deep layer (20-30feet) of Russian River gravel. Long time family friend and wine grower, Bob Hopkins, planted the block we source our Pinot grapes from in 1989. An old friend who was working for Joe Swan at the time, persuaded Bob to graft four rows of the block using cuttings from the Swan vineyard 29 years later Nalle receives those very same four rows of swan clone Pinot with a handshake and a smile. The swan clone tends to be a lighter more delicate iteration of the varietal and compliments our style. The Hopkins family strive to follow sustainable farming practices, and have incorporated many organic farming techniques on the ranch.





**NALLE**  
*Celebrating*  
**35 YEARS**  
 SINCE 1984





# Dry Creek Valley Classic Zinfandel

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This two-vineyard marriage is the perfect red wine for a weekend celebration. A 50/50 blend of Nalle Estate Old Vine Zinfandel and Bernier-Sibary fruit, this classic wine is a testimony to over 35 years of experience in bottling balanced, flavorful Zin reflective of Dry Creek Valley. Not your average bottle, this Zin is ready for experienced wino-philes who appreciate elegance, refinement, and balance with supple texture and flavor. Dry Creek Zin at it's finest, European leaning. Enjoy now or over the next 6 years for prime drinking!

*"These are wines that whisper - enticing you with their vibrant acidity, yet never sacrificing Zin's signature flamboyant fruitiness."*



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*Mustard Crop Cover In The Winter*

# Hopkins Ranch Pinot Noir

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Ten out of ten Pinot-philes prefer Nalle Pinot. Its subtle elegance enchants the most discerning palates, while its complexity and refined structure beckons those who seek big flavors. This terroir-driven wine echoes the loamy, silty soil of the Hopkins River Ranch. Aromas of macerated strawberry, rich dark cherry and sweet spice give way to delicate earthy layers. Velvety texture with great balance and classic Burgundian structure. Pairs perfectly with your favorite big glass. 100% Swan clone Pinot Noir in this one.

*"Something about it pulls you back again and again - as if the mystery of its taste could be solved with just one more sip."*





Bob and Whitney Hopkins Pruning

# 5 Generations and Counting...

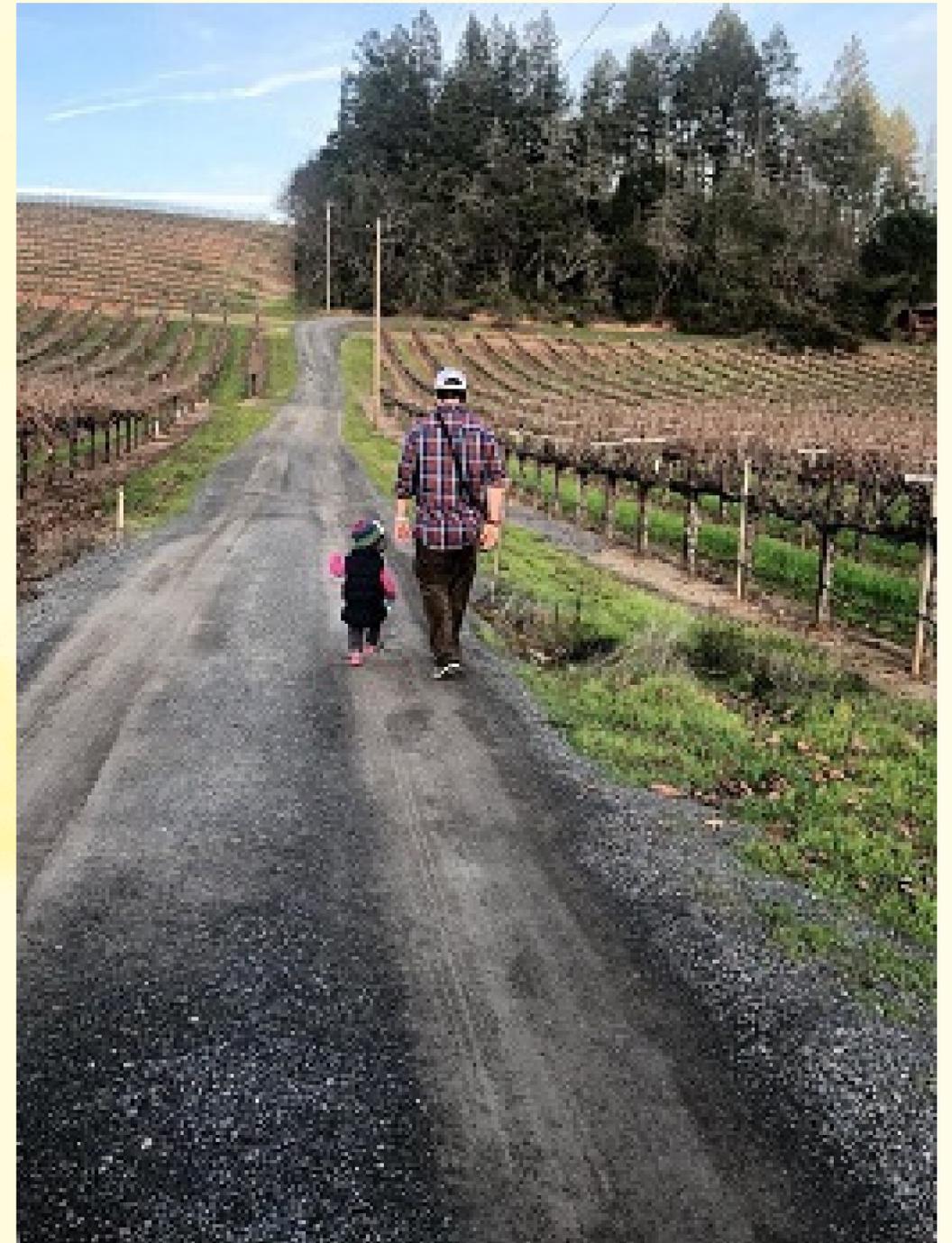


# Farming Practices

SUSTAINABLY FARMED | LIVING ROOF FACILITY

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When Doug and Lee Nalle started the first vintage of Nalle wines in 1984 their objective was to support a small family as well as protect and preserve the land our family has farmed for over 93 years. Today, Andrew and April Nalle continue to tend the estate vineyards using sustainable practices; their children always by their side learning the ropes. All of our wines are made in our above-ground cave, kept cool year round by a roof of rosemary. The living roof winery not only keeps the electricity bill less than a single family home per year, it is also a bee sanctuary! A few of our sustainable farming practices include dry-farming, soil compost tea, and the use of cover crops to manage erosion and foster soil fertility, as well as the continued preservation of our creek and surrounding areas. Over the years we have learned that we do not own this land, we simply run it for the next generation. Simply put we are a small family winery doing our part to keep beautiful Dry Creek Valley thriving. Check us out on the Historic Vineyard Society!



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