

# CALLA LILY

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**Current Releases:**

2013 Calla Lily Ultimate Red (\$65, 1,500 cases)  
2014 Calla Lily Pinot Noir (\$39, 482 cases)  
2012 Audax (\$120, 640 cases).

**Background:** In 2013 Anthony Fung and Andy Chui, Hong Kong-based entrepreneurs, came to ‘winemaker extraordinaire’ Cary Gott for his help in finding a vineyard-winery to buy in the Napa Valley. They subsequently acquired the former Budge Brown Winery in Pope Valley. The winery was built in 2010 and is a handsome example of a fully equipped and modern Napa Valley winery. Today this spot is the home for Calla Lily Estate & Winery, a line of wines which Messrs. Fung and Chui market in Asia.

**Calla Lily:** Messrs. Anthony Fung and Andy Chui are creating an elegant portfolio of wines around the imagery of the calla lily, a flower of enormous beauty and refinement—attributes which the winery’s wines will strive to express. They chose the calla lily as the symbol for their project: in China calla lilies are considered to be the quintessential flower of elegance, beauty and purity, and are the flower of choice to send when you are in love. The winery proudly displays a scroll of a calla lily created by a calligrapher in Changli, in the Hebei province of China, created as a gift for the winery.

**The Vineyard:** The 95 acre Calla Lily estate vineyard sits in the heart of Pope Valley, on the eastern hillside of Napa County. The first vines were planted in 1995. The estate vineyard consists of 12 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 acres of Petite Sirah and 1 acre each of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petite Verdot. The gently contoured vineyard slopes provide ideal conditions for the grapes. The contours also serve as natural protection for frost in winter and extreme heat in summer. The soils predominantly belong to the Bressa-Dibble complex—well-drained, composed of fine-grained sandstone and shale.

There are two natural reservoirs, a graceful garden and a number of historic buildings which give the property a unique personality.

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### **Cary Gott – Chief Winemaker**

Cary is a fourth generation winemaker with over 40 years of experience in making world class wines in the Napa Valley. He has created and managed multiple ultra-premium vineyards and began his career in the Sierra foothills.

### **Kelly Deianni – Assistant Winemaker**

Kelly Deianni works closely with Cary to craft the Calla Lily wines. Kelly has more than two decades of vineyard and winemaking experience, and has made wine for more than a dozen leading wine brands. She applies her winemaking skills, passion and drive for excellence to each vintage.

### **Emilio Torres – Senior Cellar Master**

Emilio has a wealth of experience in managing prestigious winery winemaking operations of different sizes. He also has substantial experience in vineyard operations and is a crucial member of our team when there are viticultural decisions to be made.

### **Alejandro Maldonado**

The vineyard is maintained in exemplary condition by vineyard manager Alejandro Maldonado. Alejandro has tended the vineyard since 1998 and is instrumental in ensuring that the grapes grow in optimal conditions year after year.

### **Xinyue Zhang – International Wine Ambassador**

Xinyue comes from a prominent Chinese winemaking family and is the first third-generation Chinese winemaker. Under the influence of her family, she grew up with vines and wines and has long aspired to become a great winemaker. Prior to joining Calla Lily, Xinyue obtained a degree in Viticulture from UC Davis.