

CALLA LILY

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Calla Lily Vineyards & Winery
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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:

Andy Chui and Anthony Fung, two young businessmen, now the founders and proprietors of Calla Lily Estate & Vineyard, were introduced by Anthony's father in 2008 and found they shared a common passion in fine wine.

After growing up and attending college in New York, Andy became a highly successful Hedge Fund Manager in Wall Street. It was during those years when Andy became a great fan of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. He has since expanded his businesses to Hong Kong and is now the chairman of a listed company there.

Meanwhile, Anthony spent eight years in England, beginning in boarding school and continuing to his undergraduate studies at Cambridge University, where he earned a degree in Economics. While there, he joined the prestigious Cambridge University Wine Society and became highly immersed in wine. Upon graduation, Anthony worked for a global accounting firm for eight years before opening a fine wine and gourmet shop in Hong Kong.

In 2013, together with business partner Dr. SW Cheung, another lover of fine Cabernet Sauvignon, they decided to join forces and started searching for vineyards in Europe and the United States. They fell in love with Napa Valley and searched relentlessly for the perfect vineyard for growing high-end Cabernet Sauvignon.

The team brought in distinguished winemaker and consultant, Cary Gott. They found a charming 95-acre vineyard-estate and winery in the heart of Pope Valley, on an eastern-facing hillside of the Napa Valley. The first vines were planted in 1995 and the estate vineyard consists of 12 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 acres of Petite Sirah, 1 acre each of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot in addition to a handsome winery constructed in 2010. Cary found the vineyard to be in exceptional shape. And so, Calla Lily Estate was born.

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The name was chosen because of its meaning as the quintessential flower of elegance, beauty and purity, the flower of choice to send when you are in love--- ideal attributes for a world-class wine. The winery proudly displays a scroll of calla lily created by a calligrapher in Hebei province in China as a gift for the winery. The vineyards are set in a contoured design which encircle two natural reservoirs as well as a scenic garden and several historic buildings.

Anthony overseas the business while Cary Gott is assisted by Kelly Deianni on the wine-making. Alejandro Maldonado has been the Vineyard Manager at the property since 1998. Emilio Torres is the Cellar Master.

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 finegrained sandstone and shale.

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

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. Some of the positions he has held in the past include the President of Sterling Vineyards and Winemaster at Mumm Napa.

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.

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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 (her grandfather is a co-founder of Great Wall Wines in China), 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.