



Honea Vineyards
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Overview

Honea Vineyards is a family venture located near the town of Los Olivos in the Santa Ynez Valley appellation. Formed as a family partnership, the vineyard was founded by the grandparents of the family - Milt and Marilyn Honea. A retired corporate executive, Milt serves as General Manager. The vineyard is planted exclusively to Italian wine grapes, with the resulting harvest earmarked specifically for Palmina winery.

The Vineyard

Purchased in 2002, Honea Vineyards consists of 40 acres of rolling hillsides on Alamo Pintado Road, the major wine road running between the towns of Solvang and Los Olivos in Santa Barbara County. The acreage is divided between limestone hills and gravelly, alluvial flatlands. Because of the three prominent hills leading up from the flat land along Alamo Pintado Creek, the property is affectionately known as “Tre Colline” (three hills).

Other than existing block of Merlot planted by previous owners, the first plantings occurred in the Summer of 2003. First harvest, a partial crop, is expected in 2005. The vineyard is managed by Coastal Vineyard Care.

Complementing the Italian grapes at the vineyards are Italian olive trees. As a beginning 76 trees were planted on hillsides deemed too steep for farming grapes.

Varietal	Percentage	Clone	Rootstock
Barbera	50%	VC19	420A
	50%	VC15	420A
Sangiovese	50%	VCR 6 (Brunello di Montacino)	420A
	50%	VCR 23 (Romagnolo)	420A
Nebbiolo	100%	Michet	420A
Lagrein	100%	FPMS 02	420A
Dolcetto	50%	2	420A
	50%	2	Ripara Gloria
Pinot Grigio	50%	04	420A
	50%	146	420A
Arneis	50%	01	420A
	50%	01	Ripara Gloria
Tocai Friulano	50%	01	420A
	50%	01	Ripara Gloria
Muscato	100%	01	Harmony
Merlot	100%	unknown	Harmony

(VCR is the major Italian nursery, Vivai Cooperativo Rauscedo. FPMS is Foundation Plant Materials Service.)

Olives

Frantoio	50%
Leccino	35%
Pendolino	15%

Goals

The goal of the Honeas and of the Honea Vineyards is to be the premier grower of Italian varietal wine grapes in California’s Central Coast. The grapes are being grown for Steve and Chrystal Clifton’s Palmina label, a combination that is sure to produce exquisite, stunning Italian wines from the Honea Vineyard.