

THE BEST *of* BOTH WORLDS

ROY
ESTATE



“These wines are the best of both worlds; they have the wonderful fruit created by the abundant California sunshine, and the elegance of first growth Bordeaux.”

*Philippe Melka,
Winemaker*

- Philippe Melka, Winemaker; Helen Turley designed vineyard
- Exclusive, family owned, estate grown, small production, ultra-premium wines.
- The best of both New and Old World wine characteristics: Bright, luscious, layered California fruit and the elegance, finesse and purity of a first growth Bordeaux.
- Rich and complex, yet accessible, with velvety soft tannins and the balance that promises significant longevity, all of which are extensively influenced by the unique micro-climate of the Roy Estate vineyard site.
- Since the inaugural 2004 releases, Mr. Parker has consistently rated the Roy Estate Proprietary Red and Roy Estate Cabernet Sauvignon finished wines from 94 to 95 points.
- Shirley and Charles Roy, proprietors; developed this vineyard in 2001

Roy Estate – The Brand

Philippe believes this vineyard is best expressed by 2 “voices”; 2 styles of wine

Roy Estate Proprietary Red Wine—Cabernet Sauvignon blended with Merlot and a small amount of Petit Verdot. Bordeaux-like notes of black currants, chocolate, underbrush, and some background oak, with beautiful sweet fruit, striking elegance, well-integrated acidity and a dense ruby/purple color; medium to full bodied, this is a long-lived wine.

*The Wines –
Handcrafted,
Uncompromising
Quality*

Roy Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Petit Verdot. Surprisingly soft, but complex, offering notes of damp earth, black currants, incense, cedar and spice. Medium to full bodied with excellent fruit purity and charming texture as well as length. Its equilibrium and balance suggest it will last for two decades.



Roy Estate—The Best of Both Worlds

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Winemaker Philippe Melka

Philippe with Shirley and Charles Roy

*Philippe Melka –
The Winemaker*

- Impressive credentials include Chateau Petrus, Chateau Haut Brion, Dominus, Bryant Family, Vineyard 29, Hundred Acre and more.
- “The World’s Most Influential Wine Consultants,” named Philippe Melka one of the “brilliant winemaking consultants [who] have emerged from California...” with “a healthy respect for the vineyard, a minimalist approach in the winery and the belief that the contents of the bottle should reflect the uncompromised, unmanipulated purity of the harvested fruit.” *Food & Wine Magazine*
- Winemaker of the Year, *Food & Wine Magazine*, October 2005
- University of Bordeaux trained as both a viticulturist and winemaker.

“Philippe Melka combines French training and technique with top California fruit to great effect.”

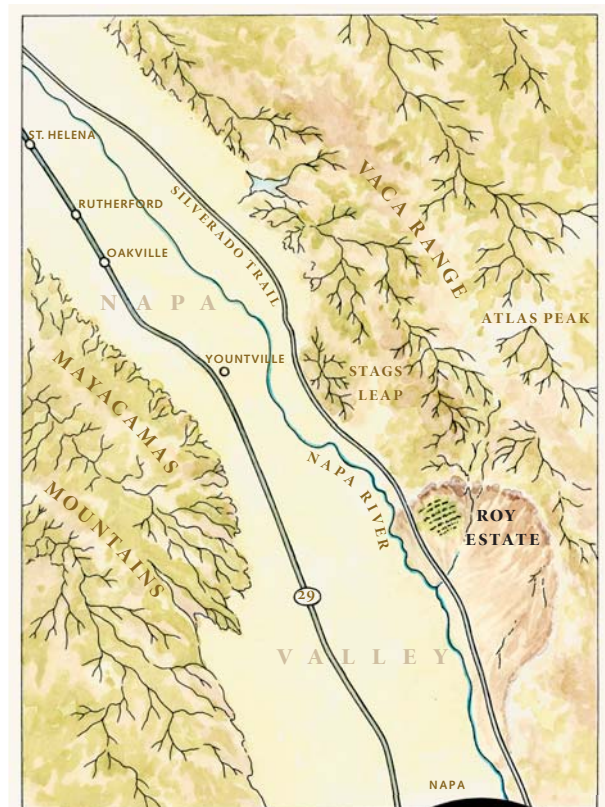
*Robert M. Parker,
Food & Wine, Sept. 2008*

*Roy Estate –
The Vineyard*

- Designed by the legendary Helen Turley and planted, under her direction, by Piña Vineyard Management in 2001.
- 17 acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot.
- Historic campsite of the Wappo Indians, no doubt, due to its beautiful and hospitable location.

*Vineyard Location –
Ideal & Unique*

- The vineyard is situated in the foothills of the Vaca Mountains, below Atlas Peak, just south of Stags Leap District, on Soda Canyon Road.
- Tucked in a geographic “pocket” where moderating maritime breezes from San Pablo Bay funnel through, persuading more gradual fruit ripening.
- These moderating air influences reduce heat spikes, resulting in lower alcohols.
- “The effect is the simultaneous convergence of optimum brix and optimum flavors—a perfect balance of acids and sugars.”
Philippe Melka



“The first and still one of the greatest is Helen Turley, who put cult wines on the map...” “[Turley is] one of the true pioneers in natural winemaking in California.” Robert M. Parker, Food & Wine, Sept. 2008