



SPOTTED OWL VINEYARDS



Spotted Owl Vineyards *10 facts to know.*

1. SOV is a boutique family owned and operated winery in Napa Valley that is dedicated to handcrafting flavorful, age worthy wines using fruit grown on the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains. (*Jill & Mikhail Gishizky owners*)
2. Our vineyards, situated between 800 -1700 ft above the valley floor, on the east and west faces of Mt Veeder, lay in both Napa Valley and Sonoma Valley appellations. The vines grow on steep slopes with a diversity of volcanic and sedimentary soil types that yield a mere 2tons/acre of tiny berries with distinct flavor profiles from each of the blocks.
3. Winemaking is a collaboration between veteran winemaker Rolando Herrera (*whose extensive winemaking experience includes Stag's Leap Cellars, Chateau Potelle, Paul Hobbs & his own winery Mi Sueno*) and apprentice winemaker/owner Mikhail Gishizky.
4. Our wines are full bodied, deep in color and embody what we call the "ABC's of SOV wines":
A – Aroma, B – Balance, C – Complexity/Character, 'S – Structure
5. We call our wines "*Cuvée's*" because we believe the finest wines are made by selectively blending the best components to create wines of great complexity and flavor. Whether we combine a single grape varietal from different vineyard blocks or bring together different varietals in the same wine, blending represents true artistry in the winemaking craft.

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6. Each of our wines are limited in production and express the “SOV ABC’s” with a distinctive style:

Mountain Cuvée – *fruit driven, round, forward & seductive.* (2008 - 1,500 cases)

Alexandria’s Cuvée – *bold, dense, luxurious & alluring.* (2007 - 125 cases)

7. SOV “Alexandria’s Cuvée’s” (*named after our daughter*) have been referred to as “sensational” by Wine Spectator and received scores of 93pts and 92pts from Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast respectively.

8. Our winemaking philosophy is to help nature express the best it has to offer. We begin by focusing on winegrowing in our sustainably farmed vineyards then combine traditional winemaking techniques with the best scientific methods and the artistry of blending individual barrels and small lots. Each of our wines is handcrafted to create “the perfect blend of nature, science and art”.

9. Spotted Owl Vineyards wines use all French oak barrels and the wine is bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

10. The name “Spotted Owl Vineyards” was inspired by the resident spotted owl at our estate vineyards – his name is “Chuck”. “Chuck wines” just did not sound right so we decided to name the winery SOV instead. 😊

