



BIO: TOM EDDY

Is it rational to make another Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon? Isn't there enough good wine in the world? Maybe, but Tom knows there's never enough *great* wine, especially Cabernet.

The first vintage of Tom Eddy Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was 1991, but Tom's experience in the wine industry goes back farther than that. He earned the U.C. Davis degree in 1974, did his requisite stint in a few big wineries, then settled into the North Coast as general manager and winemaker at Souverain Winery in Geyserville. He turned in his RX7 for a 911. The accolades for his wines started to follow, for everything from North Coast French Colombard to Sonoma County Zinfandel.

But in the end, Tom knew he needed to make Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Not just make it, but live it. The ineffable nature of a classic Cabernet consumed him. He had to go to Napa Valley.

Tom accepted the task of revitalizing winemaking at the Christian Brothers Winery in Napa. While buying grapes for Christian Brothers, Tom discovered many of the small, quality-conscious grape growers he still works with today. And many of the pundits discovered Tom.

Great Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with longevity, balance and elegance is the holy grail of winemaking, and it's the ultimate goal of Tom Eddy. After more than 30 years of making wine in California, Tom is settled in Calistoga. He and his wife Kerry break ground on the new Tom Eddy Winery this summer, starting with a 3,000 square foot barrel storage cave.

There is no easy way to make great Cabernet. A good review does not great wine make; but a dedicated, talented (some would add stubborn) winemaker is a good start. They don't make Duesenbergs anymore, and Tom sold his 911 years ago, so it's time to concentrate on classic Napa Valley Cabernet.