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FACT SHEET

Who We Are

Castle Vineyards & Winery has been recently acquired by John and Kathleen Sweazey, who combine years of passionate wine interest and experience with their success in small business enterprises. Drawn to Castle because of the outstanding quality of the wine, the Sweazey's also share the vision of its founder, which is to enhance the CASTLE brand with greater production and national distribution. Winemaker and Director of Vineyard Operations, Vic McWilliams, who founded Castle in the 1990s, continues to handcraft the Castle wines, increasing the focus on Pinot Noir and Rhone varietals.

The Vineyards

The Castle estate vineyard covers 16 acres in the Los Carneros appellation just north of San Francisco. We purchase the best grapes available from various Sonoma Valley growers, with whom we have long-term contractual relationships. By sourcing fruit from different vineyards throughout the valley, we are able to showcase the best and unique characteristics of each varietals we produce. Our winemaker remains involved with the growers in the development of the fruit from bud to harvest. Therefore, the vineyard that provided the fruit for the wine is usually designated on our label.

Hospitality

In the near future, Castle plans to build a hospitality center at its Los Carneros estate, but for now our tasting room on the Sonoma plaza is open for visiting and special events. Visitors are welcome to taste Castle's award winning wines with our friendly staff in a cozy French bistro style setting. Weather permitting, wine tasting and private events are often held in our flower filled garden patio. In addition, throughout the warm months, the Castle Tasting Room takes part in many of the festivities and special weekend events which showcase the hospitality of Sonoma County. Castle also hosts several casual themed events which pair our excellent wine with traditional local food flavors while enjoying a Sonoma summer afternoon. Our excellent, hand crafted wines in a warm relaxed ambiance are paired to create an experience which we hope will remain with our visitors along with a passion for Castle wines. Many visitors join our wine society to remain connected to the wonderful feeling that they shared with us at the tasting room.

Tasting Room	122 West Spain Street Sonoma, CA 95476 707.996.1966 ext. 106 <i>Open daily 10 – 5</i>
Annual Production	3,500 cases
Sales	877.227.8528 toll free 707.996.1966 local ext.101
Fax	707.996.1582
Email	info@castlevineyards.com
Website	www.castlevineyards.com <i>Order wine securely online.</i>
Mailing List	Sign up online for FREE personalized winery up- dates.
Wine Club	Castle Wine Society <i>Join securely online.</i>

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