



The CK Mondavi and Family Growers

While a large portion of the grapes in CK Mondavi and Family wines are grown on the family's 1,850 acres of vineyards, the family sources additional fruit from many key American growers in California. The majority of these growers have been partners with C. Mondavi & Family for generations and work with the winery to ensure that all CK Mondavi and Family wines are consistent, vintage-to-vintage. CK Mondavi and Family is committed to remaining 100% American grown, produced and bottled—a rarity within this wine category and price range. These established grower relationships allow the family to continue the American-made tradition that is core to their family-run business.

Joe and Sherry Cotta, Joe A. Cotta Vineyards, Inc. - Galt, CA

Grows: CK Mondavi and Family Chardonnay, CK Mondavi and Family Pinot Grigio,
CK Mondavi and Family Cabernet Sauvignon

Biography: The story of Joe and Sherry Cotta's family is a testament to the American dream. Joe's grandfather immigrated to the U.S. from the Azores at the young age of 18. After working many years in the cattle business, Joe's grandfather saved enough money to purchase the land that makes up Joe A. Cotta Vineyards. Joe and Sherry have been married for 40 years and raised their 5 children on the ranch. Today, Joe, Sherry and their youngest daughter run the 550 acres of certified sustainable vineyards. The family considers themselves a steward of the land, paying close attention to the habitat, as well as the vines. The Cottas have been growing grapes for CK Mondavi for more than 5 years and they enjoy the close relationship they have with the Mondavi family, working hand-in-hand with winemaker Charles Gilmore and Marc Mondavi to produce the American-grown grapes that make up CK Mondavi and Family wines.

Jim Molles, Molles Vineyard - Lodi, CA

Grows: CK Mondavi and Family Chardonnay, CK Mondavi and Family Cabernet Sauvignon,
CK Mondavi and Family Merlot

Biography: A third generation grape grower, Jim Molles and his family have been growing grapes for the Mondavi family for more than 16 years. Jim's grandfather purchased the original ranch in the early 1920s and Jim's father, Frank Molles, trained Jim to run the ranch. Today Molles Vineyard is a fourth-generation, family-run business for which Jim, his mother Mary, his wife Shelley, and their two grown children are stewards. Their 400 acres of vineyards include some of the original vines that were planted by his grandfather in 1936. Jim and his family consider the relationship with the Mondavi family to be a true partnership. Jim works closely with Marc Mondavi and winemaker Charles Gilmore to produce "the best possible grape quality." His favorite part of working with the Mondavi family: "I feel appreciated and I'm not just treated like a number. It's a close relationship that both parties don't take for granted."

Wendy Moore, Moore Vineyards - Lodi, CA

Grows: CK Mondavi and Family Chardonnay, CK Mondavi and Family Cabernet Sauvignon,
CK Mondavi and Family Merlot, CK Mondavi and Family Zinfandel

Biography: The Moore family has been growing grapes for CK Mondavi and Family for more than 60 years. Wendy Moore's great grandfather purchased the land in the late 1800s and her family began growing grapes on the property in the early 1900s. Wendy's father worked closely with Peter Mondavi Sr. and the two would walk the vineyards, discussing grape prices, sharing lunch under a shady tree, and then shaking hands to seal the deal. It wasn't until the 1990s that the two actually had a written contract. Today, Wendy and her mother run the 200-acre ranch and consider themselves custodians of this precious land. She enjoys working with Charles Gilmore and Marc Mondavi "to grow the best possible grapes" and she proudly continues the legacy that her great grandfather started more than 125 years ago.



Jerry Haugg, Triple H Farming - Manteca, CA

Grows: CK Mondavi and Family Chardonnay, CK Mondavi and Family Pinot Grigio,
CK Mondavi and Family Sauvignon Blanc, CK Mondavi and Family Cabernet Sauvignon,
CK Mondavi and Family Zinfandel

Biography: Triple H Farming has been a staple in Manteca, CA, since the Hat brothers, Lucas and Marion, purchased the land in 1918. Immigrants from Italy, the Hats Americanized their last name and began running the ranch as a dairy and alfalfa farm. In the 1950's the Hat brothers met Peter Mondavi, Sr. and with his help began growing grapes. They have been growing grapes for CK Mondavi and Family ever since. Today, Marion's son-in-law, Jerry, runs Triple H Farming with Marion's daughter Brenda, who grew up on the ranch. Jerry and Brenda have two 10 year-old daughters and they are raising the next generation amongst the vineyards that were started by their family more than 60 years ago. They continue to enjoy a close relationship with Peter Mondavi Sr. and his family. Jerry says, "The Mondavi family has been with us in the good times and the bad times, and it's a good partnership that we value. I can't say enough about what the Mondavi's mean to this area and what they mean to us."

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