



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 in Yolo County, California, the family sources additional fruit from many key American growers in California. The majority of these growers have been partners for generations and work with the winery to ensure all CK Mondavi and Family wines are consistent, year-after-year. 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 and Pinot Grigio

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 over 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 and Family for almost 10 years and they enjoy the close relationship they have with the Mondavi family, working hand-in-hand with winemaker Randy Herron 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, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Grigio

Biography: A third generation grape grower, Jim Molles and his family have been growing grapes for the Mondavi family for more than 18 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 Randy Herron 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, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot

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 the Mondavi family "to grow the best possible grapes" and she proudly continues the legacy that her great-grandfather started more than 125 years ago.

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