



Bennett Lane Winery

From Whim to Wine. The Ultimate Napa Valley Fantasy

History: Bennett Lane was founded by Randy and Lisa Lynch who both had no prior experience in the wine business before starting this winery. They fell in love with wine during many trips to Italy and decided to produce wine after they purchased what was an existing winery called Vigil Vineyards.

Vigil was founded by Jamie Pawlak who purchased this Bennett Lane property in 1989 – originally the vines were planted in the 1940's but the vineyard had been abandoned slightly prior to his purchase.

His first wine was from the 1992 vintage and he built the winery in 1996. He later sold to Tom Leonardini (of Whitehall Winery) who in turn sold to Randy and Lisa in 2003.

Winemaker: Rob Hunter's professional winemaking career began at Groth Vineyards & Winery, followed by a position as winemaker at Robert Keenan Winery, Lyeth, Markham Vineyards, Sterling Vineyards and Bennett Lane Winery.

Rob's quest for perfection extends into his personal life as well, where he has developed a great love for the intricacies of finished carpentry and music, two distinct arts he credits with aiding his pursuits as a winemaker. Says Rob, "My goal is to create the greatest Cabernet Sauvignon in the world. Nothing less."

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