



## IN THE VINEYARD

Our farming experience spans nearly a half-century in the Napa Valley. We seek only those locations that bear the requisite nuances for producing fruit of stature and nobility: a consistent climate of warm days and cool nights, well-drained alluvial and hillside soils, and ample degree days to promote pro-longed hang-time for optimal maturation.

### Our Core Practices

**Water Less:** Dry-farming, or as close to dry-farming as environmentally possible, promotes a natural path to vine regulation and vigor control for optimal fruit yields.

**Cover It Up:** Cover crops, such as oats, vetch and winter peas planted along side seasonal mustard, provide organic matter and soil structure that promote root growth. They also provide a vibrant habitat for beneficial insects and birds that in turn create biological control against vine pests.

**Commit No Evil:** No weed is evil. Herbicide use of any kind is strictly prohibited.

**Use A Slow Hand:** Tending the vines by-hand is a long standing family tradition and integral to growing fruit of the highest quality. A typical season will require no fewer than six passes for shoot and cluster thinning.

**Be Cool:** Optimal fruit health is best preserved by picking early in the morning, preferably just as dawn breaks. This assures the fruit comes in cool prior to hand-sorting and crushing.