



*'Continuum is a single red wine produced with clarity of focus at the highest quality level; it is also an opportunity for us to do what we do best. Continuum expresses my family's unique understanding of and expertise with Cabernet family varieties grown in the Napa Valley. For 4 generations, the Mondavi family has grown and produced wines to stand in the company of the worlds' finest. My grandfather Cesare first brought wine to the table but it was my father Robert's pursuit of excellence that inspired my family's vision. Today my sister Marcia and I, with our children and team, are committed to this continuum of excellence, innovation and tradition.'*

**Tim Mondavi**

### **Continuum Estate**

Continuum Estate is located on the east side of Napa Valley high atop Pritchard Hill above Lake Hennessey. The landscape from this 172 acre property has a magnificent vista; the perfect site to grow rich, concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot and Merlot fruit. Low vigor red volcanic and clay loam soils interspersed with massive andesite boulders make this a truly magnificent hillside vineyard.

The estate has two distinct soils types-Rock-Hambright loam (85%) and Sobrante loam (15%). Rock-Hambright is a fairly shallow top soil with 30-80% rock within 24" of the surface. The soils are dark, rocky brown loam over a sub surface of dark yellow, clay loam soils all underlain by fractured volcanic andesite rock. Sobrante soils are deep, reddish brown loam on the surface overlaying red clay loam soils with 20-40% rock within 2-5 feet of the surface. Rock concentration in the top 2 feet of soil varies greatly but averages 37% across the landscape. Both sets of soils drain well and enjoy moderate fertility. The estate typically receives 22-28 inches of rain a year and enjoys a fairly moderate climate, barring the occasional winter freeze or the rare 100<sup>o</sup> day in the summer. On average, growing season temperatures will range from a day time high of 85<sup>o</sup>F in July and August to a nighttime low of 48<sup>o</sup>F. Elevations range from 1350 to 1600 feet with 5-20% slopes on the southwest and west

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facing aspects. 41 acres are currently in production with an additional 20.5 acres recently planted in 2010. Most existing plantings date from 1991/1992 with extensive use of Cabernet clone 7. New plantings as well as replanting are high density with a targeted focus on better matching of the estate climate to specific clones of Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The variety of soil, slope and aspect will also dictate appropriate rootstock, planting orientation and trellising systems to assist us in our efforts to grow a wine uniquely reflective of this magnificent site. The combination of a high-elevation longer growing season, more even frost free temperatures and low vigor stony mineral soils combine to create an ideal setting for us to achieve our goal; to grow a single vineyard red wine in the company of the world's finest estates.

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