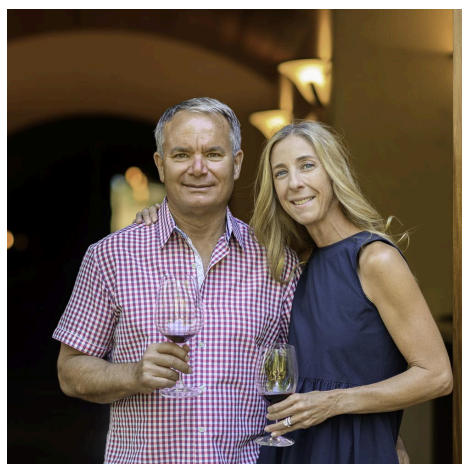




Family owned and operated, Neal Family Vineyards is boutique winery that specializes in crafting estate wines truly farm to table. Their Howell Mountain and Rutherford Dust Estate properties are 100% Certified Organic, Biodynamic and Regenerative farmed and produced. All of the wines produced today are 100% by varietal.

Founder and owner Mark Neal is second-generation and has been walking the vineyards daily for over 58 years. He is one of the few winemakers in Napa Valley who owns, farms, and manages their land while also making their own wines. Mark also runs Jack Neal and Son (JNS) Vineyard Management, the business he entered to assist his father Jack Neal in 1968.



Today, with over 500 employees, and tending vineyards for numerous clients and wineries in Napa Valley. In 1984 the vineyard management began farming certified organic with CCOF. JNS became one of the largest organic and Biodynamic® farming companies in the country, effectively making Mark Neal one of Napa Valley's most influential grape growers. Neal Family Vineyards was the first vineyard in Napa Valley to achieve Regenerative Organic Certified® (2021).

In 1997, Mark developed a dual varietal trellis system (DVTS) to combat a palpably warming Napa Valley and plant white grapes like Albarino Fiano, and Vermentino (as well as other Southern European varieties) at the Rutherford Dust Vineyard. His innovation – now gaining ever-increasing attention – has doubled production on the same acreage without sacrificing quality, without using any additional water, and without expending any additional carbon footprint. The DVTS adds additional soil organic matter and carbon sequester at the rate of 3.5 times more than a normal vineyard. The DVTS also cuts man and equipment needs which reduces commuting to and from work with employees.

Mark's love for farming and winemaking began in 1966, as a grower working alongside his parents on their Rutherford farm. Mark bought his first property in Rutherford in 1980 at 20 years old. His love of the land, working with family, and producing incredible wines was instilled early by his father Jack. This upbringing inspired him, in 1998, to build Neal Family Vineyards and produce limited wines Estate Grown and Certified Organic Wines.

Today, Mark works with his wife, Laura, and several of his children. They are working hard to prepare the winery for the next generation of Neals to carry on the organic farming and wine legacy that began with Mark's parents decades ago in Napa Valley.

Mark Jack Neal: Farmer & Maker

Mark Neal is widely regarded as Napa Valley's organic and Biodynamic® farming trailblazer and is the founder and owner of [Neal Family Vineyards](#) and Jack Neal & Son Vineyard Management. A second-generation farmer raised in Rutherford, Mark's identity is inseparable from Napa Valley's agricultural heritage. He has been walking vineyards since 1966, developing an instinctive understanding of the soils to all the lands he has and continues to walk and this guides his life's work.

Mark formally entered his father's business, [Jack Neal & Son \(JNS\)](#), in 1968. Together, they played a critical role in establishing and maintaining some of Napa Valley's most storied vineyard properties, including long-term management of iconic estates and privately held vineyards such as Martha's Vineyard. Under Mark's leadership, JNS grew from 80 employees to more than 500 and now farms over 1,500 acres. It stands as the largest certified organic vineyard management company in Napa Valley exclusively, and offers Biodynamic® and Regenerative Organic Certification farming methods.

Long before organic certification became commonplace, Mark was converting vineyards back to their organic roots. Since 1984, he has transitioned owned and managed properties to CCOF certification and has helped more vineyards achieve certified organic status than any other grower in Napa Valley. He was among the first in the region to implement Biodynamic® farming methods and has worked closely with notable producers, including Grgich Winery, to advance these principles. Neal Family Vineyards holds Certified Organic, Certified Biodynamic®, and Regenerative Organic Certification®—the first Regenerative Organic Certification® awarded in Napa Valley and the fifth worldwide received in 2022 for Howell Mountain and in 2023 for the Rutherford property.

In 1990, Mark purchased a rugged property on Howell Mountain that many overlooked. Through vision, determination, and hands-on craftsmanship, he transformed it into both his family home and the Neal Family Vineyards estate winery, completed in 1998. Known to family and colleagues as a “Renaissance Man,” Mark personally drafted the architectural plans for the winery and home. The volcanic field rock from the estate was used to build the winery walls by Mark and his team. They also constructed the 7,500-square-foot caves, designed and built the barrel racks and cellar catwalks, and supplied in-house carpenters for the winery's construction.

Mark credits his maternal grandmother, fourth generation farmer from Crete, for introducing the family to biodynamic principles rooted in the teachings of Rudolf Steiner. His philosophy remains simple and unwavering: a true farmer must be able to live from and give back to the land he stewards.

Through relentless work, continued education, viticultural innovations and an unwavering commitment to farming integrity, Mark Neal has become one of Napa Valley's most respected winegrowers. Every bottle produced at Neal Family Vineyards along with the wines that Mark farms in Napa Valley with other wineries, reflect more than five decades of experience, instinct, and devotion to the land.



Neal Family Vineyards Fact Sheet

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Vintner, Founder & Owner:	Mark J. Neal
Overview:	Family owned and operated, Neal Family Vineyards is a boutique winery that specializes in crafting estate wines from meticulously farmed, 100% Regenerative Organic Certified®, Biodynamic®, and 100% estate vineyards on Neal Family's signature Howell Mountain and Rutherford Dust properties in Napa Valley. Neal Family Vineyards believes the highest quality wines only come from great ingredients that only certified organic and Biodynamic® vineyards can produce.
Farming & Winemaking Philosophy:	After taking a leading role in the implementation of certified organic and Biodynamic® agricultural methods in Napa Valley, Neal Family continues to commit to Regenerative Organic Certified® and Biodynamic® methods. All four of the winery's estate vineyards have been certified organic by CCOF starting in 1984 and certified Biodynamic® by Demeter Biodynamic®. In 2022, Neal Family became the first Napa Valley vineyard to achieve Regenerative Organic Certified® as recognized by the Regenerative Organic Alliance (ROA) and was the fifth vineyard in the world to receive this certification.
Wines:	Before Napa Valley got commercialized, most wineries had a 4-5 year release. Neal Family continues this tradition with their Cabernet Sauvignons, depending on when Mark Neal deems them ready. Their flagship wines are two single vineyards with around 500 case productions and are 100% Cabernets: the 2021 Howell Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2021 Rutherford Dust Cabernet Sauvignon, at \$125 per 750ml bottle. The 100% 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$70) is sourced from the Howell Mountain Estate and Rutherford Dust Estate Vineyards. Neal Family also produces a Rutherford Dust Vermentino & Sauvignon Blanc (\$42).



Their Legend Membership is the first in its kind with the introduction of even smaller production and highly acclaimed Legend Label. This is where a member can choose their own wine on an annual bases.

The wines are sold primarily direct-to-consumer through their website and the tasting room, though they are also available in select markets throughout the country.

**Tasting and
Tours:**

The winery tasting experience is highly personalized. The tasting room is open by appointment only Monday – Saturday. Each tasting features a private sampling of four estate-grown wines and a tour of the caves, winery, and vineyards. Tasting visits are available at 10a.m.-4 p.m. and are priced at Tour & Tasting experience \$95 per guest and private Tasting experience \$75 per guest. Virtual tastings are available upon request.

Tasting appointments can be made by either calling 707.965.2800, emailing info@nealvineyards.com or visiting www.NealVineyards.com/.

**Jack Neal and Son
Vineyard (JNS)
Management:**

Mark Neal also owns and operates Jack Neal and Son (JNS) Vineyard Management. Established in 1968, JNS is the largest organic farming company in Napa and one of the only that farms under the methods of Certified Organic. JNS also offers Biodynamic® and ROA® farming options to their high-profile client base. Currently JNS is consulting with clients throughout the nation on transition to Certified Organic.

Principals:

Mark Neal – Proprietor, Viticulturalist, Vintner, Wine Director
Martin Mackenzie – Winemaker
Jeff Keene – Assistant Winemaker
Mark Viter – Chief Financial Officer NFV/JNS
Zeus – Vineyard Dog

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