



### Fred's story

I acquired a love of wine at a very early age. My first sip I was around 8 years old; when I was 12 I was allowed to have a glass of wine with Sunday dinner. Now, after enjoying it for over 50 years my pallet has developed to the point where I like huge California reds. I love Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux blends. I want a wine that will keep my taste buds entertained throughout the whole bottle. I don't care for a wine that the first sip is wonderful, but half way through the first glass you become bored with it. Keep your Opus One. I want a wine that you will arm wrestle your buddy for the last glass.

One of the places that had a big influence on me was a winery called Rudd. It is on the corner of Silverado trail and Oakville cross roads. David Ramey was the wine maker there at that time. This is where I learned about the "art" and "science" of winemaking. The science of winemaking can be taught in a classroom at the university. The art of winemaking grows in your soul.

David Ramey has published several papers on different aspects of winemaking. I have read them all, some of them several times. His paper **Low input winemaking—let nature do the work** had probably the most influence on my personal style and development as a winemaker.

At Indian Peak Vineyards my specialties are Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and a red blend we call "Take Five". All of these are now Estate Bottled wines. The Take Five contains Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cab Frank,