

from the blending philosophy, making two 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignons from distinctive vineyard sites. Cloudy's Vineyard is a 2.5-acre parcel of Janzen's own land lying about 600 feet above the valley floor between St. Helena and Calistoga, and the much-lauded To Kalon is located in Oakville. Nils and Kirk Venge are the winemaking consultants.

92 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley To Kalon Vineyard 2004 • \$100 • 400 cases

88 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Cloudy's Vineyard 2004 • \$100 • 300 cases

Jean Edwards

This is the debut commercial release from Karen and John Troisi, a couple in their early fifties who live and work in New Jersey and plan to build their new brand slowly before making the switch to being full-time vintners. Winemaker Kian Tavakoli (formerly of Clos Du Val) crafted this wine from fruit purchased from the popular Stagecoach Vineyard, using the custom-crush facility Crushpad in San Francisco. The name "Jean Edwards" combines Karen and John's middle names.

92 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Stagecoach Vineyard 2004 • \$50 • 300 cases

Kapcsándy

This label arrives with an impressive pedigree. The Kapcsándy family purchased the State Lane Vineyard from Beringer in 2000, redeveloping it with help from superstar winemakers Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer. In 2005, winemaker Rob Lawson and Denis Malbec from Château Latour took the winemaking reins. Beginning with the 2005 vintage, three estate-grown reds will be released: the State Lane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, a Merlot-based red called Roberta's Reserve and the Cabernet blend Estate Cuvee.

93 State Lane Vineyard Napa Valley 2004 • \$90 • 900 cases

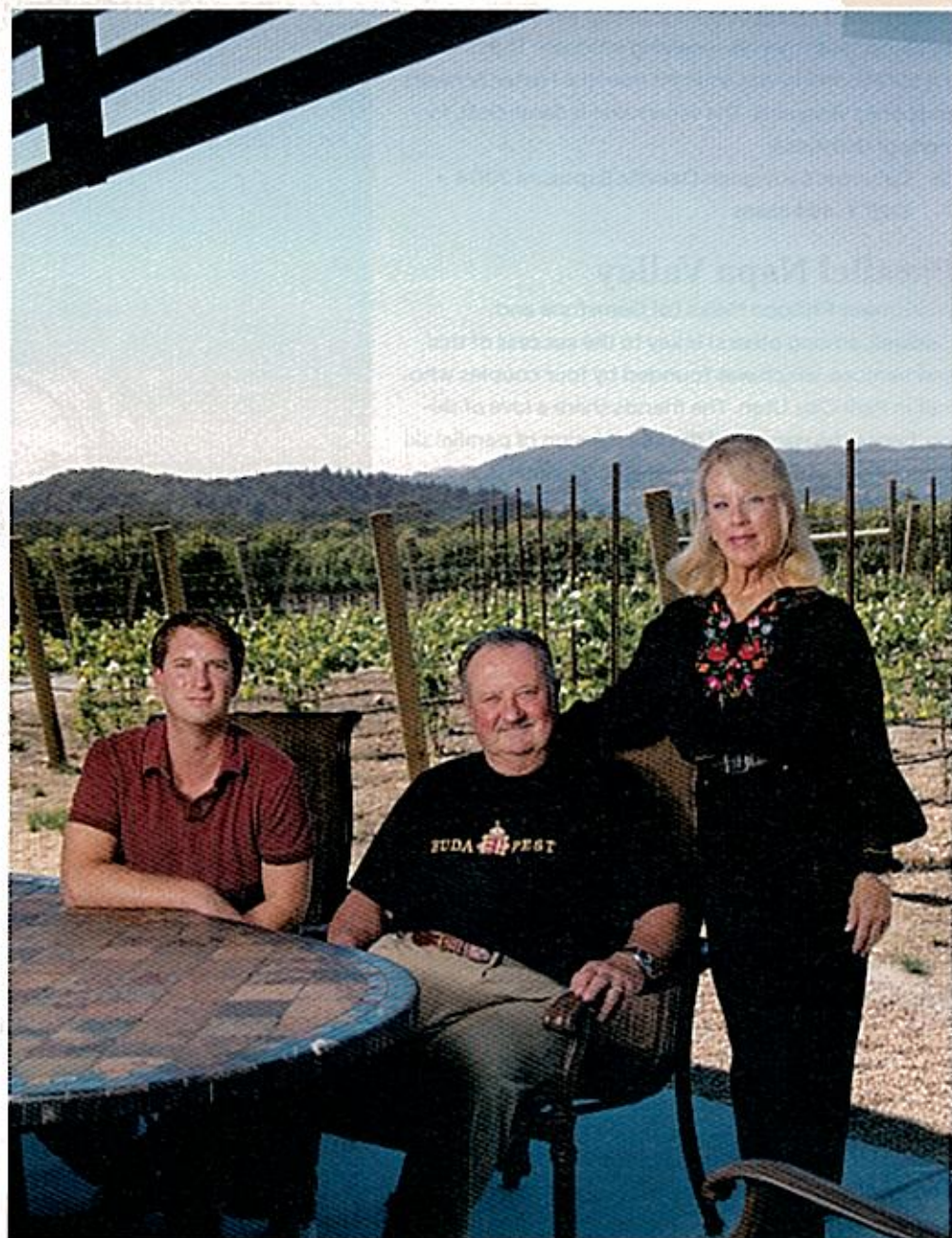
Levendi

Father and son James and David Gianullas and longtime friend Todd Rustman combined their experience in real estate, asset management, grapegrowing and hobby winemaking to create Levendi. Winemaker Alison Doran crafts the Cabernet Sauvignon with grapes from the Stagecoach Vineyard. The partners are currently designing a winery to be built in Rutherford that will also be home to artisanal cheese production.

91 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Stagecoach Vineyard 2004 • \$68 • 675 cases

Bernard Magrez Napa Valley

Bordeaux native Bernard Magrez adds a Napa outpost to his winemaking empire, which includes vineyards in France, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Portugal and Morocco. Enologist Michel Rolland and vineyard manager David Abreu consult on this project, which debuted with the 2004 vintage. The fruit came from the Thorevilos Vineyard at the foot of Howell Mountain. All the winemaking equipment was imported from



The Kapcsándy family (from left, Louis Jr., Lou and Bobbie) tapped the talents of top consultants Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer to fine-tune their vineyard.

France, and the 2004 harvest was vinified at Quintessa.

88 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2004 • \$190 • 200 cases

Macauley

The Macauley label was first established by Ann Macauley Watson in the early 1980s and was known for a late-harvest Sauvignon Blanc made by winemaker Ric Forman. Her son, Mac, revived the label in 2000, after a 13-year hiatus, with help from childhood friend and winemaker Kirk Venge. From the 2004 vintage, there are two Macauley releases: the Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard and a broader Napa Valley bottling.

96 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Beckstoffer To Kalon 2004 • \$100 • 185 cases

Oakville East

Founder Elliot Stern is a 35-year veteran of the wine industry, mostly on the sales and marketing side, including stints as a vice president at Wilson Daniels and director of sales and marketing operations for Franciscan Estates. Stern, who owns a 1-acre vineyard in Oakville, convinced his neighbors who also own tiny vineyards to join together to