



# LAKE SONOMA WINERY

## *Our History*

### **Looking forward to the next 200 years.**

Sonoma is the birthplace of modern winemaking. Russians planted the first grape vines here in 1812. Twelve years later, the Spanish Franciscan Fathers planted vines at their northernmost mission in what was to become the town of Sonoma.

**Today, Sonoma has surpassed Napa and has grown to number one in grape sales, yet still has significant potential for more growth by planting in unexplored territory. With the purchase of Lake Sonoma Winery in May 1996, champagne producer, Gary Heck, found a hidden treasure in the Dry Creek Valley. Taking its name from the nearby lake, the winery was originally founded in 1977 located on a hill, overlooking Dry Creek Valley.**

In September, 2005 Lake Sonoma Winery opened its doors to the tasting rooms' current location, conveniently located just off the Plaza in downtown Healdsburg.

Our wines continue to build their Dry Creek legacy. Making Sonoma County proud, our Fume Blanc, Chardonnay, Zinfandels and Cabernet Sauvignon are valued as some of the best in California.