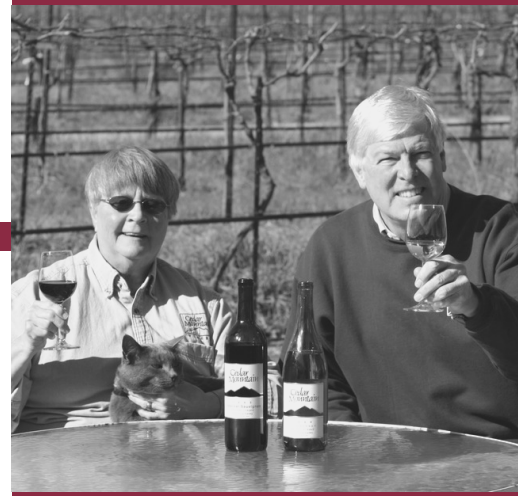


EARL & LINDA AULT

WINEMAKER AND PROPRIETOR OF
CEDAR MOUNTAIN WINERY & PORT WORKS



WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO PURSUE WINEMAKING AS A CAREER?

Retirement career change. We lived in eastern Washington state when they were just starting the wine business, late 1970's. We saw how the area went from growing Concord grapes for Welches to growing wine grapes - and then wineries. When we moved back to California there were 5 wineies in the Tri-Cities/Walla Walla area. Now there are about 100.

We knew that we needed something to plan for in our retirement (from our day jobs) so we started Cedar Mountain Winery over 10 years from when we retired. It was a good way to shelter our income and build equity in a business that we could do until we die. We're still at it 30 years later.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE WINE OR WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE?

1968 Beaulieu Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon - it was an incredible wine!

WHAT ARE SOME TRENDS YOU'VE NOTICED IN LOCAL WINEMAKING?

Livermore wines are getting better and better.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT THE LIVERMORE VALLEY AS A WINE REGION?

I can afford to be here and it has same climate and soils as the Napa Valley. If you overlay Livermore Valley onto a map of Napa Valley, Livermore's terrior is most like Rutherford's. Take a look at the weather data for Livermore and Rutherford - the similarity is really unique.

WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AS A WINEMAKER?

4 star gold medal winner which was also the best premium red wine at Orange County competition in 2017 - Del Arroyo 2015 Zinfandel

WHAT MOVIE QUOTES DO YOU USE ON A REGULAR BASIS?

"That's not a noife, This is a noife" from Crocodile Dundee

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- Earl & Linda Ault



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CLIMB TO THE PEAK OF WINE PERFECTION



Artistry typifies Cedar Mountain where owners, Earl and Linda Ault show their creative talent not only in their award-winning wines, but also in their sculptures, paintings and cuisine. The Aults believe that quality wines are born in the vineyard. Cedar Mountain features Livermore grown and produced wines and ports.

HISTORY

Trained as a physicist, Dr. Earl Ault became interested in the wine industry when he lived in Eastern Washington State in the mid 1970s. Linda's formal college training is in Physics and Computer Science, but her avocation was for wine and food. Earl and Linda moved back to California in 1981 settling in the Livermore Valley for both professional career and viticultural reasons.

Cedar Mountain was established in the Livermore Valley in 1990. Earl & Linda Ault bought their first property at 7000 Tesla Rd in 1988.

In 2012 they moved to a smaller property without a vineyard on Reuss Road to focus on hand crafted, small lot Table Wines and Ports. The smaller winery gives Earl more time to practice his skills as an accomplished artist. Linda, a recognized amateur chef, has more time to create gourmet meals for Earl! They specialize primarily in Livermore grown and produced wines. These wines are available in fine restaurants, wine shops, directly from the winery tasting room or by phone order.

WINES & VINES

In 1988 the entire vineyard was Chenin Blanc vines. In 1989 they grafted the Chenin Blanc vineyard to a mixture of Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. The first CMW release was the 1990 Estate Chardonnay. The same year they made a small lot of Cabernet Sauvignon, which was released in 1993. In 2005 they grafted some of the Chardonnay to Sauvignon Blanc and released their first estate Sauvignon Blanc in early 2007.

The Aults believe that quality wines begin with the grapes in the vineyard. The Winery specializes primarily in Livermore grown and produced wines. They produce Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache Rose, Merlot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, and Duet (a Cabernet/ Merlot blend), as well as nationally recognized Port wines.

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