

Crooked Path CELLARS

When one comes across a *crooked path* they must decide
if it's a road worth taking.



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THE STOLLERS

With established roots in the wine industry through Sunridge Nurseries, proprietors Craig and Nancy Stoller began with a vision of planting wine grapes to grow the nursery. Through their combined experience and love of wine, they grew a single vineyard block into what Crooked Path Cellars is today.



FAMILY HISTORY

Proprietors Nancy and Craig Stoller have a deep-rooted history in the wine industry. The Stoller family founded Sunridge Nurseries in 1977 and is dedicated to producing the finest grape stock in the world. Craig is a third generation vine grower following in his father's footsteps. What sets Sunridge apart is their exclusive relationships with French, Portuguese, and Spanish institutions to import certified wine grape selections that can be traced back to the original mother vines in each of those countries. Today, Sunridge still uses some of the original grape rootstock Craig's grandfather planted more than four decades ago.

THE PROPRIETORS

Craig joined the Stoller family business upon graduation from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1991. He started out on the road learning about the wine regions, meeting winegrowers, and of course, learning about wine.

Now as CEO of Sunridge Nurseries, Craig has enjoyed watching the industry grow while taking part in supplying vines to many winegrowers across the globe. His passion for high quality wine has led the journey in the vineyard while Nancy has focused her creative energy towards public relations and marketing for their collection of brands.



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OUR STORY

Every incredible journey has many chapters in its story.



1977

Glen and Terrie Stoller establish Sunridge Nurseries in Bakersfield, CA.

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2001

Craig and Nancy Stoller plant RBZ Vineyard in Templeton, CA.

2009

Sextant Wines opens a Tasting Room in the historic townsite of Old Edna in San Luis Obispo, CA. The Stollers purchased the storied property in 2019.

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2011

Sextant Wines opens a state of the art production facility and Estate Tasting Room & Hospitality Center in Paso Robles, CA.

2015

To support the growth of Crooked Path Cellars, the Stollers plant Drake Vineyard in the Templeton Gap District.

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2017

The Stoller family purchases the historic Arciero Family Vineyards property in Paso Robles, CA. Paris Valley Road will open its doors in summer of 2020.

2018

The Stoller family and Vino Del Sol form a partnership to expand Crooked Path Cellars.



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OUR VINEYARDS

With 169 acres planted, our vineyards stretch across two distinct American Viticultural Areas (AVA) on the Central Coast of California.



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RBZ VINEYARD

Paso Robles AVA

Templeton, San Luis Obispo County, California

2001

RBZ Vineyard is located in the heart of the El Pomar District on the Northwest corner of South El Pomar and Almond Drive. The 114-acres are 75% planted. This vineyard is one of a kind for the area. The property was developed with Sunridge Nurseries, Inc. as the only commercial vineyard in the Paso Robles AVA that is also a State of California registered and certified nursery block. Materials planted includes the highest quality

UC Davis clones and many imported selections from the French ENTAV-INRA program and similar programs in Spain and Portugal. Benefiting from the state's largest diurnal temperature swings and linne calodo topsoils paired with diablo limestone subsoils (similar to the soils in much of France), grapes planted here fully ripen with balanced sugar and natural acidity.



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DRAKE VINEYARD

Paso Robles AVA

Templeton, San Luis Obispo County, California

2015

Located in the Templeton Gap District in the Paso Robles AVA, Drake Vineyard encompasses 55 acres. The vineyard is planted with 50 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 acres of Cabernet Franc, and 2 acres of Malbec. The Templeton Gap District sits on the Monterey formation of hard bedrock, distinct from the soft higher elevation shale and calcareous bedrock to the north in the Willow Creek District. Because of its location westerly and within passes between peaks in the Santa Lucia Range, this area is heavily influenced by the ocean, giving it the strongest maritime climate in the Paso Robles viticultural region. Higher elevations in the west of Templeton allow heavier marine air to roll down the slopes and onto the broad terraces of the rest of the area. This brings fog and strong breezes giving Templeton Gap District the highest humidity in Paso Robles. Elevation ranges from 700 to 1800 feet (213-548m), while the rainfall averages 20 inches annually. The cooler climate lengthens the ripening time in vineyards so Templeton typically picks 10-14 days later than other Paso Robles sub-regions



OUR WINEMAKING TEAM

“We have a great team who is enthusiastic and just as passionate about wine grapes and winemaking as I am.”

- *Craig Stoller*



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Craig Stoller

Proprietor & Director of Winemaking

Born into a family of vine growers, Craig grew up at Sunridge Nurseries in the San Joaquin Valley. After graduating from Cal Poly with a degree in horticulture, he went to work for the family business and unearthed his passion for wine. After planting the original block of our RBZ vineyard, he made his first vintage in 2004.

Alex Frost

Assistant Winemaker

Raised on the Central Coast, Alex has spent time making wine in two hemispheres. After graduating from Cal Poly's Wine and Viticulture program, he spent time with both Talley Vineyards in the Edna Valley and Vina Requingua in Chile's central valley. As a valued part of the team since 2015, Alex most enjoys the hands on approach to winemaking that the team employs, from vineyard to bottle, and being a part of the progression of the wine across every step.



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OUR WINES

Crooked Path encompasses the incredibly unique combination of our land, our team, and our philosophy. From proprietors Craig and Nancy Stoller, our supremely talented crew, and our estate vineyards emerge wines which truly represent California's Central Coast.





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CROOKED PATH ZINFANDEL

Appellation
Sub AVA

Paso Robles, California
El Pomar District

Tasting Notes

Dark in color with an intense nose this Zinfandel is equal parts brooding and approachable. At its core this wine explodes with ripe blackberry and juicy raspberry. Rich on the palate with white pepper spice and dark fruits yet elegant with refined tannins this wine carries to a lingering finish highlighted by the sweet vanilla character of fine oak.





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CROOKED PATH WANDERER

Appellation
Sub AVA

Paso Robles, California
El Pomar District

Tasting Notes

This crooked path finds itself wandering down rows of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre creating a lush and full-bodied red wine with layers of balanced flavors. You'll first notice a deep ruby red color, followed by jammy aromas of cherries and blackberries. Along the way you will discover bold and well-balanced ripe fruit with hints of vanilla ending with a long and smooth finish.





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CROOKED PATH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Appellation
Sub AVA

Paso Robles, California
Templeton Gap District

Tasting Notes

A lively core of vibrant acidity and supple tannins frame undulating contours of plums, figs, raspberries, and cherries. Hints of smoky pepper, dark chocolate, and dusty sage appear on the appealing finish that lingers with freshness and persistence. Our Paso Robles appellation continues to produce expressive and balanced Cabernet Sauvignon fruit with signature quality and finesse.



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THANK YOU

From vines to wines, the Stollers' story has come full circle as they decided the crooked path was the road worth taking.

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