

CRISS CROSS

The Sustainability Story of Criss Cross

FAMILY VALUES

Criss Cross wines is a **joint venture** with Vino del Sol and the Lange Twins Winery. It was the twins great-grandparents who put down roots and started their agricultural practices, **in Lodi** back in the 1870's, and in 1916, the family bought their first vineyard. Following in the family footsteps, after returning home from college, the twins reignited their love for winemaking and love of the land and bought their own parcel of land from their father. It is here that the Lange Twins began their journey as **stewards of the land**. They are **committed to preserving** not only the environment, but also the community as well as all who work with the winery and vineyards. In their words, "The decisions they make today are generational – ensuring our farm, our communities, and the agricultural way of life thrives. Each day we wake up knowing that everything we do, we do for the love of farm."

ESTATE GROWN

Criss Cross Wines are made from **100% estate grown** fruit in **A+ vineyards** located in the center of the **Clarksburg AVA Appellation**. The terroir is fertile with soils at or below sea level and a unique climate that has cool mornings and warm afternoons that cool down quickly in the evenings. The terroir is perfect for our wines which are crafted by winemaker Karen Birmingham in accordance with **Lodi Rules**. Karen takes a technical approach to winemaking, creating wines with **balanced** acidity and varietal **complexity**. She believes that **less interference** crafts beautiful wines.



SUSTAINABLY-FARMED

The Lange Twins have a **true respect** for the land going back to their childhood. They feel a **responsibility to maintain** their environment and see themselves land stewards. This **commitment guides** their daily farming and business practices to ensure they benefit our land, business, team, community. Keeping our soil, air, and water **healthy is essential** in maintaining a **balanced ecosystem**. To **off-set our carbon footprint**, dated engines are replaced with efficient, clean-burning alternatives, multi-row machinery are used to limit vineyard passes, electric vineyard vehicles are being tested and they have invested in **renewable energy**. The twins, together with like-minded Lodi farmers and scientists, captured best farming practices with the vineyard ecosystem in mind. This is now **The Lodi Rules** program which serves as a guide on sustainable farming. Additionally they are proud recipients of the BRIT Awards for Sustainable Wine Growing.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The twins believe it is their **responsibility to enhance** the habitat surrounding their vineyards to create an environment that not only we can live in, but any animal that passes through could live in. They embarked on a **complete habitat restoration** in 2004. The transformation is incredible, and the habitat is thriving. They know viticulture must **balance** with our **native habitat** and live each day knowing that they are not going to be a fifth-generation farm family without farming, **protecting and preserving the land** for generations to come. They work together with Audubon California as well as the NRCS and RCD. Through our habitat restoration projects, we provide hands-on experience for high-school students in the field.

