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# Baldacci

FAMILY VINEYARDS  
NAPA VALLEY



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**Baldacci Family Vineyards** was founded by Thomas and Brenda Baldacci in 1998. Today, their son and second-generation vintner Michael Baldacci serves as winemaker, continuing the family's legacy and dedication to crafting sustainably farmed, world-class wines. Nearly 30 years ago, Tom Baldacci drove by the property that now is home to Baldacci Family Vineyards. Where some may have seen an old house and farm in need of repair, Tom saw potential. In the breathtaking views on the Stags Leap property, in the aged vines and gnarled olive trees, he saw a story waiting to be told. At the time, Tom and his wife Brenda were raising four sons, creating a family that would reflect and carry forth their own stories. Today, the family continues to make wines and to create stories to be shared. Speaking of stories, the Napa Baldaccis are cousins of author David Baldacci.

We enjoyed our tour of the impressive 19,000 sq ft of caves used for winemaking, followed by an estate tasting with Michael Baldacci whose portfolio of outstanding wines comes from the family's 53 acres spanning Stags Leap District, Los Carneros, and Calistoga AVAs. We began with the 2022 Elizabeth Pinot Noir, named for Michael's 94-year-old grandmother, with flavors of black cherry, pomegranate, black tea, and mocha—big and bold! Next, we enjoyed the 2021 Calistoga Stella Knight Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, made from fruit harvested at the base of Diamond Mountain, a minerality-driven wine with dark fruit, a bit of earthiness, juicy mouthwatering acidity, and bold chewiness. The 2021 Stags Leap Black Label Cabernet is produced from grapes grown at the tasting room's Stags Leap District site. Michael describes this wine as having an "iron fist with a velvet glove," with blue fruit, cassis, black plum, and tobacco leaf.

