

Aperture



ABOUT



Aperture Cellars champions a range of stunning Bordeaux style wines from the Sonoma Valley. Founded in 2009 by winemaker Jesse Katz, Aperture wines are crafted from unique, cool-climate vineyards in Sonoma's top regions. Wanting to craft wines on par with the quality and refinement that are so integral to a Bordeaux, Jesse set roots in Sonoma, believing it offers the best of both worlds: new world fruit and old world elegance.

FOUNDED
2009

LOCATION
Healdsburg, California

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley, Sonoma

WINEMAKER
Jesse Katz

VINEYARDS
High-elevation
Volcanic soils

BARREL REGIME
Custom cooperages,
New French Oak

TECHNICAL DATA
Barrel fermentation, extended
maturation; warm and cool
fermentation completed
on all varietals

AVERAGE CASE PRODUCTION
15,000 cases

“We have a unique style within Alexander Valley. We can certainly have the powerful, rich fruit characteristics that people associate with the best of Napa. But then, there’s very fine and silky tannins, with elegance and freshness with a bit higher natural acidity and lower alcohol.” — **JESSE KATZ**, WINEMAKER



Cabernet Sauvignon is the signature wine of Aperture Cellars. The portfolio also includes a Red Bordeaux Blend, Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc and single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons.

The story of Aperture Cellars began over two decades ago, when Jesse Katz was growing up. His father, renowned photographer Andy Katz, brought him on visits to the most famous vineyards around the world, from the heart of Burgundy to the hills of Tuscany. Each wine label features an original Andy Katz photograph,

demonstrating every Aperture wine as an expression of art both inside the bottle and out.

Most recently, Aperture acquired the historic Ponzo vineyard, which has become the new site of the Aperture Estate, in Healdsburg, California. This land, with still thriving vines that were first planted in 1912, is home to a new state-of-the-art winery and hospitality center that opened to the public in the summer of 2020.

WINEMAKER *Jesse Katz*



Jesse's diverse experience spanning 21 harvests at wineries, along with his desire to travel, fed his aspiration to learn from the best in the industry, including Pétrus in Bordeaux, as well as time on the winemaking teams at Screaming Eagle Winery and Robert Foley Winery in Napa Valley, and Viña Cobos and Bodega Noemia in Argentina.

In 2010, Jesse was the youngest-hired head winemaker in the U.S. at Lancaster Estate where, during his five-year tenure, he orchestrated the building of the new Roth winery, production facility, and tasting room, and received 90+ scores on every wine scored by the Wine Advocate, and garnered Lancaster Estate's inclusion on the list of Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines. In 2013, Wine Enthusiast named Jesse one of its 40 Under 40 Tastemakers and he was also the first winemaker on the Forbes 30 Under 30 list in 2014.

As a consulting winemaker for some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Von Miller, Tony Hawk and Justin Timberlake, in 2017 Jesse's wine collaboration with Shep Gordon, earned acclaim as the most expensive wine in the world. Jesse then beat his own world record, when a 6L of his famous cabernet sauvignon sold for \$1M in 2021.



Jesse performing a punch down on a barrel of 2016 Devil Proof Malbec.

VINEYARDS

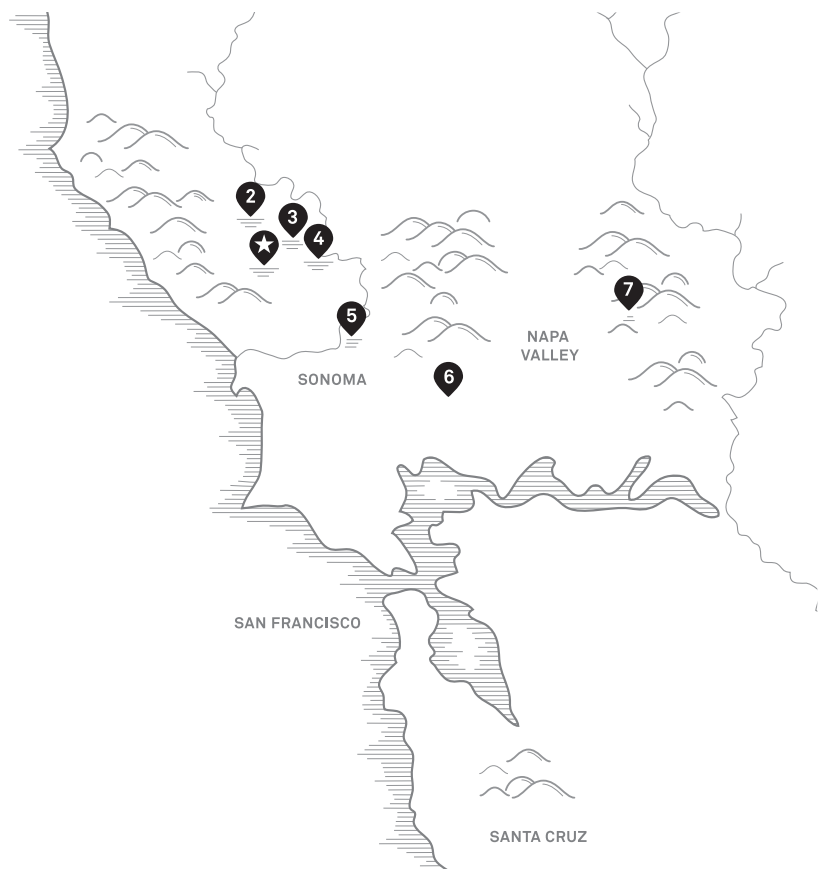


The focus always begins with the vineyards, more specifically, the terroir. Aperture Cellars controls 140+ acres of vineyards in the Sonoma Valley, specifically sourced for their unique terroir and soil composition. Vineyards are under long-term leases or are owned by Aperture Cellars, which enables consistency and quality for all Aperture wines. Aperture recently acquired the famed Farrow Ranch site, 75 acres planted to premium Bordeaux varietals and Devil Proof's famed block.

Aperture partners with highly esteemed Viticulture Consultant Phil Freese for the entirety of their vineyard sites. Phil spent 13 years as Robert Mondavi's Vice-president of Wine Growing and was instrumental in the design of the first Opus One and Tokalon vineyards. Phil initiated the remote sensing project with NASA that has spawned a new wave of tools for viticulture analysis and quality enhancement. After establishing his own viticultural practice, he has consulted for some of the greatest estates worldwide. Today Phil exclusively consults for Aperture Cellars in California, splitting his year between Sonoma County and his home of South Africa.

★ Aperture Estate

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| 2 | Oliver Ranch |
| 3 | Del Rio Vineyard |
| 4 | SJ Ranch |
| 5 | Dry Stack Vineyard |
| 6 | Chenin Blanc Vineyard |
| 7 | Sugarloaf Ranch |



Devil Proof

“Live well, drink well, and the devil can’t get you.”

– CUBAN PHILOSOPHY



PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT MAKES A WORLD-CLASS WINE

Today, Devil Proof revolves around two single vineyard dry-farmed expressions of the varietal, one from Alexander Valley’s Farrow Ranch, and one from Rockpile Ridge vineyard.

Devil Proof remains the highest-rated California Malbec by all the top wine critics, including Wine Advocate, Wine Enthusiast, and Wine Spectator and gained the coveted 100 pt score rating from Wine Advocate and Jeb Dunnuck with the 2018 vintage.





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The 42 acre site is home to 10 acres of old vine Zinfandel field blend, planted in 1912. New vineyard plantings, added to the property in 2019 and designed by winemaker Jesse Katz, include Merlot clones from Pétrus and Sémillon clones from d'Yquem as well as a collection of his favorite cool climate Cabernet clones and cover an additional 22 acres.

The property is open for a range of tasting experiences Thursday through Monday and is available to book for private dinners and events.

The Aperture Estate

In the summer of 2020 Aperture launched a new luxury guest experience at their estate property's custom designed hospitality space on Old Redwood Highway in Healdsburg, CA, just 2 miles from the downtown square.

The modern winery and beautifully appointed tasting room buildings are designed by Signum Architecture, the same brilliant team that is responsible for the stunning designs of Odette Winery, Nine Suns, Cade, Melka Estate, Brand, and Hall Winery, to name a few. Aperture is the first Sonoma County designed by the accomplished design team.

With inspiration driven from the physical aperture of a camera, the estate's buildings showcase dramatic angles, clean lines and a focus on natural light. The new 4,000 sq. ft. hospitality space is designed to include a seated tasting bar as well as private rooms for elevated experiences and an outdoor terrace overlooking the estate vineyards facing west towards the Russian River.

