

Delta Wine Tasting

Bogle – A Bequiling Gem in Clarksburg

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Take a pleasant ride along the Sacramento River on Highway 160, continue down a couple of county roads and you end up at the nationally acclaimed Bogle Vineyards on the outskirts of Clarksburg. The trip is beautiful and the reward at the end is well worth the 45 minute drive from Rio Vista. Bring a picnic lunch and do some wine tasting before buying a bottle to share on their picturesque grounds. Bogle is open year round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (11:00 AM on weekends) seven days a week, closing only on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



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wine grapes. The various vineyards are located throughout Northern California in nine different appellations. In addition to Clarksburg they spread from Mendocino to El Dorado to Monterey.

The Bogle family isn't satisfied with just producing great wines, they are committed to being good stewards of their land and the environment. The winery has achieved several sustainable business certificates. They reclaim the water they use at the winery; use solar power energy; have light sensors throughout; use recycled glass and post-consumer waste paper. The family's commitment is to the generations who

Bogle Vineyards is a family owned and operated business. Warren Bogle is the President and 3rd generation winemaker; Ryan Bogle is the Vice-President and CFO and Jody Bogle-Vandepol is Director of Public Relations. Their family began farming in the area six generations ago, although they only began converting from food crops to wine grapes in 1968. They started with just 10 acres of Pinot Noir grapes and 10 acres of Petit Sirah. Now the family owns or leases over 1600 acres of vineyards that are planted with a variety of



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came before and the generations who come after. They intend to leave the land in the condition they received it, if not better.



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Originally, Bogle sold their grapes to other wineries. However after ten years, they decided to start bottling their grapes and thus began their own winery in 1978. Today the winery produces over two million bottles of wine per year. The red varietals include Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Essential Red, Old Vine Zinfandel, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The main white wines are Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. They also offer other special wines throughout the year.

To be the first to try their new and special offerings, join their free wine club called the Bogle Bandwagon. Receive four shipments per year for under \$49 each, plus winemaker tasting notes, recipes and food pairing ideas, 20% discount on wine and merchandise at their tasting room, discounts to winery events, and more.

Bogle Winery receives glowing reviews including: Wine Enthusiast – Bogle continues to outperform nearly everybody else in their price range. Wine Spectator – Top 20 value brands in the world. Market Watch – Hot brand award winner... fifteen years in a row!

At the tasting room in Clarksburg, you can host a private event. The atmospheric Barrel Room has room for up to 60 seated guests. Other locations are the Vineyard Patio or the Vineyard Lawn. For more information

on these and much more, check out their website at www.boglewinery.com.