

# OBSIDIAN

— WINE CO. —

## **We want to change the climate of wine.**

At Obsidian Wine Company, we farm both ends of the Mayacamas Range in California and cooper our own barrels from the forests of Tokaj, Hungary. Our work exists at the intersection of humans and nature – an unpredictable place, risky, and even tenuous. We take these risks because the edges are where adventure happens, and the rewards are exhilarating, affirming, and educational. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Our Estate Vineyard in Carneros, Napa Valley overlooking the Napa Marina was first planted in 1973 and quickly became a top grower for the finest sparkling houses in the region. A generation later, we produce naturally vivacious and complex Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from this gravelly, sea-level site known as Poseidon Vineyard.

Obsidian Ridge, our Estate Vineyard in the Red Hills of Lake County, is a vineyard like no other. Sitting a half mile above sea level on the side of a volcano, this is the highest elevation vineyard in the Mayacamas Range, and the soils are comprised almost entirely of black obsidian rock. The combination of these rocky slopes, the 10% higher ultraviolet exposure, and the massive daily temperature swings results in cabernet sauvignon of distinct volcanic character: fresh, structured, and complex.

Our wines are aged exclusively in Hungarian oak made by Kádár Hungary, the cooperage we have owned for nearly three decades. Our source forest in Tokaj is planted to the same oak species used in France, *Quercus Petraea*, however the trees grow more slowly due to the volcanic soils, resulting in 30% higher density, low vanillin and high eugenol, which tends to emphasize herbal and spice components in wine. We custom-craft barrels and casks of various sizes to suit each of our wines.

We believe sharing knowledge, collaborating with our partners, investing in our people, and protecting our natural resources are not only fundamental to producing wines of quality and integrity. It brings us closer to nature, to community, to humanity. Even to life itself.

—Arpad Molnar, Peter Molnar & Michael Terrien, Co-Founders, Obsidian Wine Co.