

Stephanie

Overview: The provenance of Napa Valley's Hestan Vineyards, the pedigree of Bordeaux's classic red grape varieties and the artistry of consulting winemaker Jeff Gaffner come together in "Stephanie" by Hestan Vineyards. Named for owners Stanley and Helen Cheng's only daughter, whose concert harp is depicted on the label, Stephanie is the virtuoso expression of Hestan Vineyard's full varietal composition.

Founded: 2005

Proprietors: Stanley and Helen Cheng

Vineyard: Hestan Vineyards, Napa Valley

Winemaker: Jeff Gaffner

Wines: 2008 Stephanie Red Wine (\$60, 900 cases)
2008 Stephanie Cabernet Sauvignon (\$50, 2,000 cases)
2008 Stephanie Merlot (\$40, 200 cases)
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Viticulture: Situated in the rolling hills of eastern Napa Valley, Hestan Vineyards is a 41-acre tapestry of small, individually farmed blocks, planted to the five principle red Bordeaux varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec. The vineyard's unique mix of soils, slopes, exposures, rootstocks, clones and varieties contribute to the spectrum of flavors and nuance found in each limited edition bottling of Stephanie Wines.

Winemaking: In keeping with the Bordeaux tradition, winemaker Jeff Gaffner blends for depth, nuance and balance using all five of the Bordeaux varieties planted to Hestan Vineyards. The lots are kept separate throughout winemaking to retain individual block and varietal characters. Small capacity fermentation tanks, carefully timed pump-overs and punch-downs, a mix of native and cultured yeasts, tight grained cooperage and extended aging result in signature wines noted for their elegance and longevity.

Distribution: Stephanie Wines are sold directly to mailing list customers and offered in select markets nationally. Hestan Vineyards is not open to the public.

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