

# Delicato Family Vineyards Announces Purchase of Black Stallion Winery in the Napa Valley

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NAPA, Calif., May 4 /PRNewswire/ -- Delicato Family Vineyards (DFV) is pleased to announce the purchase of Black Stallion Winery located in the Napa Valley. DFV is a family-owned company founded in 1924. Three generations of the Indelicato family have guided DFV from a small grape growing operation started during Prohibition to one of California's leading wineries. Black Stallion joins the family's vineyard and winery holdings in Monterey County, Lodi and Manteca, California.

"The Black Stallion acquisition fulfills my family's dream of owning an estate in the Napa Valley," says Delicato Family Vineyards CEO and President, Chris Indelicato. "My grandfather planted our first vineyards in the 1920s and we began to make wine in the 30s. "My father and uncles continued to lead the company forward by purchasing vineyards in Lodi and Monterey. The third generation has had an eye on the Napa Valley for some time and my brother Jay and I, along with cousins Cheryl, Mike, Frank Jr. and Marie, are proud to honor the family's legacy of producing wines from California's most prestigious growing regions. We look forward to offering estate bottled Napa Valley wines with the quality that Delicato Family Vineyards is known for."

"My brother and I were looking for a company with the vision and resources to take Black Stallion to the next level," says owner Terry Maglich. "Delicato Family Vineyards is a first class operation and I'm honored to place Black Stallion into the hands of the Indelicato family."

Joe Ciatti of Zepponi & Company brought the two families together and helped to facilitate the purchase. Ciatti has a long standing relationship with the Indelicato family and was instrumental in creating a win-win situation for both families. "Terry and Michael Maglich were pleased to entrust Black Stallion to the Indelicatos, one of California's oldest and most well respected winery families," notes Ciatti.

Black Stallion Winery is located in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, three miles north of the town of Napa along the famed Silverado Trail. The winery takes its name from an equestrian facility, the Silverado Horseman's Center, which was located on the grounds many years ago. The original property featured riding trails, stables and an outdoor arena where Francis Ford Coppola filmed the helicopter scene from Apocalypse Now. Today the Black Stallion Winery includes estate vineyards, an elegant tasting room and hospitality center as well as two guest cottages.

## **ABOUT DELICATO FAMILY VINEYARDS**

Delicato Family Vineyards is a family-owned winery with 86 years of experience in California winemaking and winegrowing. Three generations of the Indelicato family have overseen vineyard operations and winemaking at their California properties and today the company is led by CEO and President, Chris Indelicato. The company is headquartered in Manteca, California with Sales and Marketing based in Napa, California. DFV is

steadfastly committed to crafting and representing wines of the highest quality produced in accordance with sustainable winegrowing practices. Delicato owns and farms several Northern California vineyards including Clay Station Vineyard in Lodi and San Bernabe Vineyard in the Monterey appellation. The wines of Delicato Family Vineyards are distributed throughout the United States and across 60 markets worldwide.

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