



MENDING WALL WINERY OPENS FOR TASTING

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Mending Wall Winery was completed in May 2015 and is now open for business. Designed to meet the requirements of a state of the art wine making facility and offer a high end tasting experience, this new winery has exceeded the expectations of it's owners. Mending Wall Winery is the collaborative dream of Kathy and Frank Dotzler (owners of Outpost Winery), Mark Pulido and Donna Walker (owners of Pulido-Walker Wine) and Wine-maker Thomas Brown; together they expressed their vision to Architect Jessie Whitesides of Asquared Studios, and design-build contractor, The Ledcor Group. Conceived as a fast-track design-build project, the groundbreaking took place in early April of 2014, the first harvest on site was later that year in September and October of 2014 with the tasting room opening just over a year after groundbreaking.

The building was designed to suggest an historical precedence of early Californian Agricultural Architecture. Mending Wall Winery is strategically nestled into the surrounding vineyards and maintains a low lying perspective on its surroundings. The building materials are sustainable, subtle, and are of a well known vernacular to this agricultural area. They include rough-sawn plywood formed concrete stemwalls, a galvalume corrugated metal siding, and an earth tone corrugated metal roof, providing an environmentally superior "cool roof" and to minimize visibility for homes on surrounding hillsides. The barn style doors and lighting further complement the agricultural architecture. The native landscaping elements seek to compliment the building, and enhance the view from Silverado Trail.

Working closely with owner Kathy Dotzler, Jessie Whitesides of Asquared Studios sought to materialize the vision and inspiration that Kathy developed for the Mending Wall tasting experience. The tasting room is finished with stained concrete floors, textured venetian plaster walls, a multi-tonal rough-sawn wood ceiling and feature walls, and blackened steel counter tops and finish details, creating a contemporary yet rustic tasting room experience. One might say it is rustic chic with a touch of steam punk. Custom furnishings and accessories inside the tasting room were created by Richard Von Saal of Vonsaal Design Build in Napa.

Tastings are by appointment and are held either inside the tasting room or in the covered outdoor tasting areas. The tasting room is open, airy, and is lined with a series of doors and windows which bring in plenty of natural light. To schedule a tasting appointment visit: www.mendingwall.com
For additional project information contact Jessie Whitesides by email: jessie@asquaredstudios.com or call Asquared Studios - Santa Rosa.



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