

Diamond Series



Tetra Winery

The name William (Bill) Hill has been a widely recognized name in California wine circles for more than four decades. His original winery, William Hill Winery, became a top notch Napa Valley entity and was ultimately sold to industry giant Gallo in the mid-1970's. From that time, Bill Hill has taken a rather unusual path toward becoming one of the wine industry's most respected (named to Wine Spectator's Top 50 list in 1996) planters and vintners.

Hill was originally from Oklahoma and early in his career earned a masters in business from Stanford University. Sensing the importance of developing high quality vineyards in numerous microclimates that exist along the Pacific Coastline, he set out to establish himself as one of the top formulators of vineyards in the wine industry. At present, Hill owns and operates a large number of vineyards along various sections of the coastline of California, Oregon and Washington. He has had a hand in developing almost 40 different wineries and vineyard properties, arguably among the finest vineyards in the entire nation. His development company, Premier Pacific Vineyards, owns and operates vineyards that sell to the very top wineries throughout California and elsewhere.

"The simple fact is that Bill just loves dirt," remarked Kevin O'Brien, general manager for Hill's new Napa Valley operation named Tetra Winery. "He adamantly believes that dirt is the prime determinant of what winds up in the glass, and that's what dictates the eventual fate of the winery." For the record, Tetra means four and refers to both the four individual vineyards used as sources for its wines and also alludes to the fact that four different Bordelaise varietals constitute the wines that make up Tetra's portfolio.

Since Hill formerly developed the likes of Diamond Mountain Ranch and Mt. Veeder Estates along

with other notable properties, it would be easy to expect greatness from fruit he controls directly or through partnership. Such is the case with Tetra Winery, whose vineyard sources include four of Napa Valley's premier growing tracts.

Fruit from Broken Rock Ranch, Coombsville, Sugarloaf Mountain and Suscol Bench make up the vineyard content for Tetra's wines. Each vineyard contains a different varietal that is used in the eventual blending of the Tetra wines.

"It is amazing how the different grapes do in different years. One year, the Petit Verdot will be amazing, the next year the Merlot will be sensational. Since we are in the coolest growing area of Napa Valley, the grapes have the opportunity to hang longer and develop their characteristics. This really matters

when we do the blending and produce our wine that will have its own distinct personality," added O'Brien.

Tetra Winery made its debut in 2006 when it produced a miniscule 296 cases. The wines were instant hits and produced some of the highest scores for a first appearance winery ever seen. Since then, additional wines have produced exceptional scores and Tetra Winery is now accepted as one of the premier

niche wineries in Napa Valley. Production has remained low, with between 500 – 600 cases being produced annually.

"We prefer to make our wines in the hundreds of cases as opposed to the thousands," Kevin O'Brien further explained. "This allows us to make truly superior wines, on a par with the really great ones that come out of the valley."

One of the keys to Tetra Winery's early success is the winemaking team that Bill Hill has assembled. The team is led by Patrick Mahaney, a 24-year veteran of the Robert Mondavi Winery group. Mahaney's last eight years with Mondavi

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William Hill & business partner
Richard Wollack



found him in the role as Vice President of Global Wine Quality, an incredibly high profile position in the multi-continent company that Mondavi has become. The

UC-Davis trained winemaker has played an important role in Tetra Winery's development and initial early success.

"We have a really top-flight team put together," concluded O'Brien. "We are on the cutting edge with regard to our wines, but in a really safe mode. Bill Hill is interested in new choices, but safe choices. We will always rely on the Cabernet Sauvignon-based Bordeaux blend, but that blend will vary whenever great fruit is produced in one of our vineyards. We have already seen the possibilities from our early releases, but I think there are more really great wines in the future. Tetra Winery has created a great deal of excitement so far, and we intend to do the same for many years in the future."

Accolades and Tasting Notes



Tetra 2007 Proprietary Red

94-Points, Robert Parker — "The 2007 is stunning, opaque purple-colored, with plenty of crème de cassis, creosote, camphor, incense, subtle oak, licorice and oodles of black fruits, the wine has superb purity, full bodied texture, beautiful richness and depth, and a finish that goes on for least 40+ seconds. This blend of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot should age nicely."

Winemaker Notes — **Tetra** – a harmonious fusion of four. Our 2007 Tetra Red Wine is a classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Each lot was individually harvested from exceptional vineyards in the cooler southern part of the Napa Valley, and then vinified separately in order to fully capture and showcase the essence of the fruit sources. Wines were aged for 18 months in barrel, and then the final blend was painstakingly crafted through many sessions of trial-and-error tastings, finally honing in on the best-of-the-best. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration to maximize flavors and textures.

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Tetra is the culmination of over 30 years of vineyard design and winemaking experience of Napa Valley viticulture visionary Bill Hill. This powerful, yet elegant effort was blended to perfection with each component seamlessly complimenting the others, enhancing the characters of each variety and resulting in the perfect marriage of aromas, flavors and textures. Tetra is Bill Hill's masterwork to date.

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