



Garagiste SERIES

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Jean Edwards Cellars

Winemaker: Kian Tavakoli, Owners: John and Karen Troise >

Location: Napa Valley

The story behind Jean Edwards Cellars is not dissimilar from a number of small California wineries. The owners, John and Karen Troise (pronounced Tro-see) spent many, many vacations visiting and enjoying various California wine regions and becoming hooked on Napa Valley's beauty and the ongoing ambiance of the wine industry. The New Jersey couple was so intrigued that they finally decided to do something about it.

"We first began in the late 1990's by purchasing some grapes and having them sent to a small winery in New Jersey to process," admitted Karen Troise during a recent interview. "It was a case of getting our feet wet and the wine we made was mostly for our personal consumption and to be able to give to our friends."

Some seven years later, the Trioses' suddenly realized they possessed a good deal of wine, more than they could drink and give away. "We decided then to put a team together and enter the business for real. Jean Edwards Cellars became a reality and we began living our dream," she continued.

Noted Winemaker Kian Tavakoli was hired and Jean Edwards Cellars (a combination of John and Karen's middle names) was off and running. A decision was made to limit their operation's production to cabernet sauvignon, the couple's favorite varietal. A chance e mail from the Wine Spectator for a tasting sample led to an unexpected 92 point rating, a fact that assured Jean Edwards Cellars' perpetuation. "We sold our existing inventory over the next two weekends and haven't stopped since then,"

Karen Troise explained.

The winery has expanded slowly and currently produces some 650 cases annually. They have added new fruit sources and will soon release both a malbec and merlot offering, both with Napa Valley appellations. A new tasting room (called Wines on First, a tasting collective) has afforded Jean Edwards Cellars additional national exposure.

The Trioses' living dream is best summed up by their business philosophy. "The quality of wine in bottle, purity of fruit in the wines and the wine's overall expression must be a reflection of what nature gives us."

Jean Edwards 2012 "74-41" Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley AVA

75 Cases Produced

Seventy four-forty one is the GPS coordinates for the owner's current home in New Jersey and is featured in script on the label. The wine is 100% Cabernet sauvignon from three noted properties, Stagecoach Vineyard (Pritchard Hill), Baconbrook Vineyard (Spring Mountain) and Broken Rock Vineyard (Atlas Peak foothills). These vineyards encompass both valley floor and mountainside plantings. Its appellation is Napa Valley. It is deep purple color and features black cherry aromas along with vanilla and hints of pipe tobacco. Your palate will sense a blue/black fruit flavor mixed with currants and dark chocolate and is perpetuated by a persistent and long finish. Aged in French oak. Enjoy now until 2022.

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