

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

GAINEY VINEYARD

1962

In 1962, Dan Gainey's grandfather and father purchased 1,800 acres of undeveloped land stretching across the eastern end of the Santa Ynez Valley (Home Ranch). Within a year, they started a cattle operation and converted 600 acres into farmland for vegetables, fruit, flowers, and hay crops that sustained the family for generations.

1984

Dan's father planted 50 acres of grapevines on their Home Ranch, nurturing a dream he had of one day producing a Gainey family wine. The Spanish-style winery was designed to produce small quantities of high-quality wine and their first releases were Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

1996

With Dan Gainey at the helm, the winery purchased an additional plot of land in what would become the Sta. Rita Hills appellation in western Santa Ynez Valley. He planted 60 acres of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah. The vineyard was named Evan's Ranch after Dan's great grandfather.

2007

The Sta. Rita Hills proved ideally suited to Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah and in 2007, Dan planted another 50 acre parcel in the cool, maritime appellation and named it Rancho Esperanza.

Today

Dan Gainey, and his wife Diane are proud that their son and daughters, the fourth generation of Gainey's in the Santa Ynez Valley are continuing the family's tradition of winemaking in this beautiful region of California.

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