

# CLARK-CLAUDON

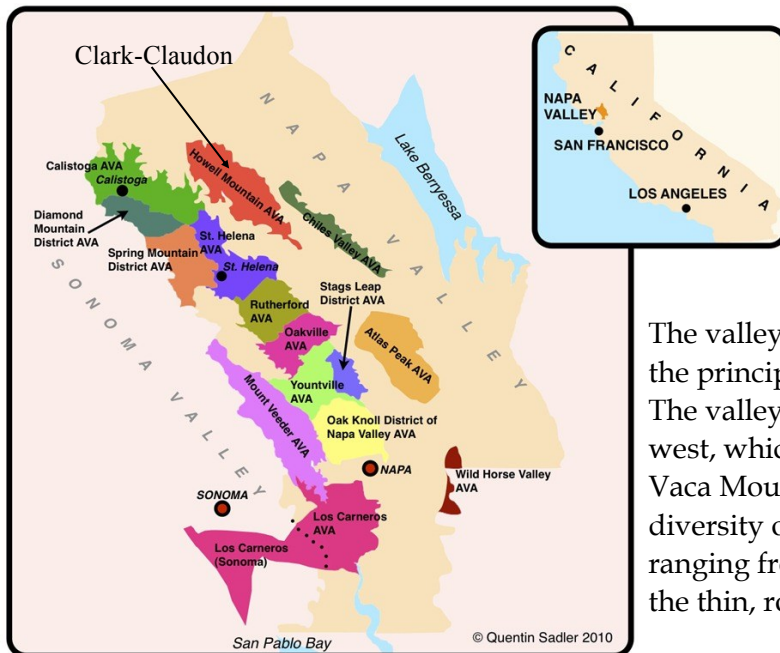
## NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



In 1974, shortly after their Peace Corp assignment in Colombia, Tom Clark and Laurie Claudon came to the Napa Valley, new baby boy in tow. Immediately caught up in the infectious energy, they were ready to take their place among a small group of visionary grape growers and winemakers. Together, that group of pioneers laid the foundation for the unrivaled status of today's Napa Valley.

In 1989 pressed by a friend, Tom and Laurie hiked a piece of property on the north east side of Howell Mountain. Because of Tom's considerable reputation, the sellers desire to support the purchase and the couple's willingness to bet on themselves, they leased and developed the property while eventually exercising their option to buy. Working together the vineyard they developed would become Clark-Claudon Vineyards.

Their business was founded in the old tradition of family winemaking where the art begins in the vineyard and ends with a beautiful bottle of wine. The name Clark-Claudon and the logo's meeting of the two feathers represent a joint commitment to the pursuit of their dream and to the preservation of the environment that supports it. Since then, Clark-Claudon Vineyards has received critical acclaim for both their Estate Grown Cabernet and their Wild Iris Sauvignon Blanc.



The **NAPA VALLEY** appellation received its AVA designation in 1981. It is California's first recognized AVA and the second in the United States. Approximately 4% of California's vineyard acreage is in Napa Valley, and it encompasses sixteen sub-AVAs, named for the surrounding mountains and towns of the valley.

The valley stretches northward from the San Pablo Bay past the principal towns of Napa and St. Helena to Calistoga. The valley is formed by the Mayacamas Mountains to the west, which mark the border with Sonoma County, and the Vaca Mountains on the east. The valley has a remarkable diversity of volcanic, alluvial and maritime soil types, ranging from well-drained gravel loam to dense clays to the thin, rocky soils of the hillside vineyards.

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