

Suisun Valley, California

Vezer Family Vineyards



WHAT TO BUY

'05 **La Salette** Ripe cherry, toasted oak, ripe plum, hint of sweetness \$85

'06 **Cabernet Sauvignon** Blueberries, cassis, cocoa \$49

'07 **Verdelho** Fresh picked peaches, pears, apples \$35

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Tasting Room Open Sun–Fri 10–5; Sat 10–6
Winery Tours by Appointment Only

GETTING THERE

From I-80N, exit at Suisun Valley Rd/ Pittman Rd (Exit 41) and follow Suisun Valley Rd about 5 miles. Turn right at Mankas Corner Rd. The tasting room is on the right.

1. Mankas Corner Gardens provides a great setting for ceremonies and receptions **2.** The quaint tasting room at Mankas Corner **3.** A vineyard view of Suisun Valley

THE FIRST TIME Frank and Liz Vezer (*Vee-zur*), founders of Vezer Family Vineyards, laid eyes on Suisun Valley, they were on their way to the Napa Valley to look for a home. “We instantly fell in love,” Frank recalls.

The fertile valley, located just 12 minutes east of downtown Napa, is framed by two mountain ranges, providing a similar range of terroir to its mighty neighbor.

The Vezers were charmed by the Suisun Valley’s beauty; its potential for making premium wines; and the relaxed, hospitable nature of its residents. They purchased a 30-acre ranch with 17 acres planted to Zinfandel and Petite Sirah, the two grapes that are most readily identified with the region.

In 2003, Frank and Liz bottled their first vintage. One could call it beginner’s luck, but their award-winning streak has yet to be broken. Every single wine Vezer has produced has won a top award or superior rating. Of most recent note, the 2007 Vezer Cabernet Sauvignon won double gold

at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition and a whopping 97 points at a blind tasting at Napa’s Bay Leaf Restaurant. Another wine to note, La Salette, is an exquisite blend of Petite Sirah and just a touch of Zinfandel.

The Vezers’ son-in-law, Jake Stuessy, does about 80 percent of the winemaking. Both Jake and Frank trained under the esteemed Gary Galleron, who still acts as their wine consultant.

Suisun Valley’s rolling vineyard hills are a magnet for bicyclists. Each weekend, they pause in groups to admire the town that Frank, Liz, and their dear friends and business partners Sam and Mimi Mizirawi have worked hard to create. A couple of times each year, the Vezers open their home ranch to the world at large for a concert in their vineyard.

“After all, this is the wine hospitality valley,” Frank says. He likes to watch people discover it as much as the wines of Vezer Family Vineyards. 🌿

