## Lucchesi Vineyards and Winery

## History of Lucchesi

- \* Owned by Mario and Linda Clough
- \* Began planting in 1999
- \* Established Winery in 2002
- \* They have been at the location for 20 years
- \* They planted on the location 14 years



#### Different wines offered

\* Zinfandel \* Cabernet Franc \* Cabernet Sauvignon \* Syrah \* Merlot \* Tempranillo \* Petite Sirah

\* Chardonnay
\* Pinot Grigio
\* White Port
\* Red Port
\* First Lot
\* Masque Lot 4



# What is grown and produced at Lucchesi?

- \* 17 different varieties of grapes
- \* 5 tons of fruit per acre
- Produced from European Grapevines grafted onto American Rootstocks
- Red and White wines



#### Business and Marketing Strategies

- \* Sell to local grocery stores
- \* Hand deliver the products to customers
- \* Sell online to almost every state
- \* Tasting room downtown Grass Valley
- Have a radio add
- \* Local wineries work with and support them
- High quality products and events



### Issues they have faced

- \* Protestors
- \* Have to constantly keep spray records
- European grapevine moths
- Have to report to three different water organizations and CDFA
- \* Smoke from fires
- Obtaining good quality labor
- \* Learning about the area growing is taking place in
- \* Perceived Quality



#### Advice for Newcomers

- \* Have to have a pesticide applicator permit
- Buy twice as much water that you need incase of drought and water cutbacks
- \* Work with local producers
- Take advice from people who have been in the business
- \* Grow different varieties that people buy
- \* Obtain every needed license
- \* Create a network of customers using subscriptions
- \* Plan for the two years before grapes are produced



#### Currently they...

- \* Have a small red barn, storage unit and office
- Have a place for events to take place at the vineyard
- \* Use French, American and Hungarian Oak barrels
- \* Have a tasting room
- \* Own 16 acres of vineyard
- Harvest once a year in Fall
- Have 128 miles of plants



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