

Twisted Oak

2005 Calaveras County *%#&@!



(with a name like that,
you know it's got to be good!)

Ron Mansfield on a vineyard named **Fodhli** near Gold Hill. The Grenache as well was grown on two different ranches. The first is our **own Estate Vineyard** here in Vallecito, and the second was once again the Dalton Vineyard. The Syrah comes from the **Tanner Vineyard** here in Vallecito, owned and operated by Dick and Ron Tanner and their sister Judy.

The final make-up for this *%#&@! was based on the **particular contributions** that each grape could make to the blend. For Bright fruit flavors up front, we started with Grenache. For mid-palate fruit and elements of spice, as well as an overall base for the wine, we used Mourvedre. Finally, Syrah was added for dark fruit flavors and powerful structure. All lots were fermented in open top vessels over a period of 14 days. They were pressed off of the skins and allowed to settle for 3 days before being moved by **gravity** into the barrels for the ageing process. The wine spent 11 months in barrels in order to add more spice elements as well as round out the tannin structure.

