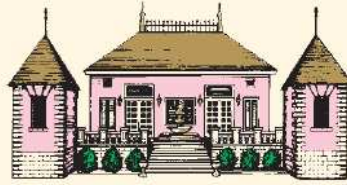


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Overview:

After an early career in the wine import and wholesale business and with a fondness for Santa Barbara County, Fred Brander and his family established The Brander Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley in 1975, making it one of the oldest vineyards in the county. In 1977, the first Sauvignon Blanc grapes were taken to a neighboring winery where Fred Brander produced a wine so distinctive it captured Santa Barbara County's first gold medal for a wine at a major wine competition. Today, the focus is still on creating Sauvignon Blancs of style and individuality. A small quantity of red wine is also created, featuring the classic red Bordeaux varietals. Approximately 16,000 cases of wine are produced each year, of which 9,000 are comprised of eight markedly-unique Sauvignon Blanc bottlings.

The Vineyard:

The Brander Vineyard is situated in the eastern part of the Santa Ynez Valley, where the warm daytime temperatures and cool evenings provide an ideal environment for Bordeaux varietals. The long, warm days allow the grapes to fully ripen, whereas the cool nighttime temperatures preserve a lively acidity.

Winemaking:

All wines are vinified on the estate, at a winery housed in a courtyard setting next to the “pink chateau” tasting room. The wines are handcrafted by Fred Brander, who decides on the winemaking approach needed for each style of wine created. The hallmark *au Naturel* Sauvignon Blanc is cold fermented in stainless steel. *Cuvée Natalie* is an Alsatian style Sauvignon Blanc and *Cuvée Nicholas* is a full-bodied version in a white Bordeaux style. Vineyard-designated Sauvignon Blanc wines are also made from Purisima Mountain and Mesa Verde vineyards; and – just one more – *Uno Mas* is inspired by wine from the Languedoc-Roussillon area in France. Red wines from The Brander Vineyard are all aged in 100% French oak for various lengths of time, depending upon the style desired and the vintage.

Brander Wine Traits:

- Intriguing Sauvignon Blanc wines in eight distinctly different styles
 - Santa Ynez Valley - an expression of the warm, eastern part of the valley
 - *Cuvée Natalie* - Alsatian Style, floral characteristics
 - *Cuvée Nicholas* - a bolder, full-bodied wine in the classic Bordeaux style
 - *au Naturel* - pure fruit and crispness, all stainless steel fermented
 - Purisima Mountain – stainless steel fermented to fully express the vineyard
 - Mesa Verde – stainless steel fermented to fully express the vineyard
 - *Uno Mas* – citric peel aromas and a lean structure in a Languedoc-Roussillon style
- Classic Bordeaux-style red wines with concentration, complexity and structure
- Age worthy – can be cellared up to ten years