

EPONYMOUS

NAPA AND SONOMA, CA



In 1966, my family bought a ranch with vineyards in the Napa Valley, thinking it a retreat from the city. In 1980, my retired father and I decided to start a winery on the property, giving it the name we each carried, Robert Pepi. Our first harvest was in 1981, and I've been making wine ever since. After the winery sold, I became a consulting winemaker, working mainly in California, but traveling also to Argentina, Colorado, and Texas.

Eponymous began in 2000 with an opportunity to work with grapes that I felt would produce some of the best Cabernet in Napa Valley. Three vintages later another opportunity presented itself, through a friend and passionate vineyard manager, Javier Renteria; he was managing, and still is, MacAllister Vineyard just off the Mt. Veeder ridge. Through planting Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, the vineyard's differing soils and exposures gave me the chance to produce an elegant Bordeaux-style blend from Sonoma County.

In 2008 I found a Syrah vineyard with which I wanted to work, and in 2009 I made Cabernet Franc from the MacAllister Vineyard and a Cabernet Sauvignon from Spring Mountain in Napa Valley. I am sure that the story will not end there, as the chance to work with a great vineyard is not one that I can easily pass up.

Interesting Fact:

The definition of Eponymous is: "one for whom or which something is or is believed to be named."

Bob Pepi has given it his own playful definition:

"a play on words by one who is unable to use his family name on his own bottle of wine."

Napa Cabernet Sauvignon

2007 - 92 pts *Wine Enthusiast*

2006 - 93 pts *Wine Enthusiast*

2005 - 90 pts *The Wine News*

2004 - 92 pts *The Wine News*

2003 - Best of the Best - 5 stars

Quarterly Review of Wines

2002 - 92 pts ~ *Cellar Selection*

Wine Enthusiast

MacAllister Vineyard

2008 - 89 pts *Wine Enthusiast*

2006 - 93 pts *Wine Enthusiast*

2006 - 90 pts *Wine & Spirits*

2005 - 91 pts *The Wine News*

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Quarterly Review of Wines

Syrah

2009 - 92 pts *Wine Enthusiast*

92 pts *Wine Advocate*



Robert Pepi Jr.
Owner / Winemaker



Napa Cabernet



MacAllister Blend



Cabernet Franc



Syrah