

Bacigalupi

SPRING 2025



Family Tree

Our family was recently honored as original members of the Sonoma County Grape Growers Century Club, a testament to over a century of dedication and resilience. This recognition celebrates the enduring commitment of families like ours who have farmed the same land for generations, overcoming the cyclical nature of agriculture to survive and thrive. The opportunity to continue farming in the Sonoma County region where our great-great-grandparents first settled more than a hundred years ago is a gift. It exemplifies the deep-rooted cultural and agricultural heritage that makes this area so special.

Our roots trace back to 1879 when John Gaddini and Elizabeth Passalacqua married. John purchased Elizabeth's passage from Italy. The couple had three children — Olive, Clara, and Ernie. In 1883, the family acquired a ranch on Chiquita Road, just outside Healdsburg. This property supported a diverse range of activities, including a winery, a vegetable garden, livestock, and 50 acres of Zinfandel grapes.

In 1902, John purchased another 160 acres of land on which to plant more vineyards and erect a winery.



Albert, Natale (seated), Charles & John



The beautiful spring-fed land, dotted with bay laurels, inspired Gaddini to name his property "Laurel Springs." John Gaddini's enjoyment of the property was all too brief. He died two years later.

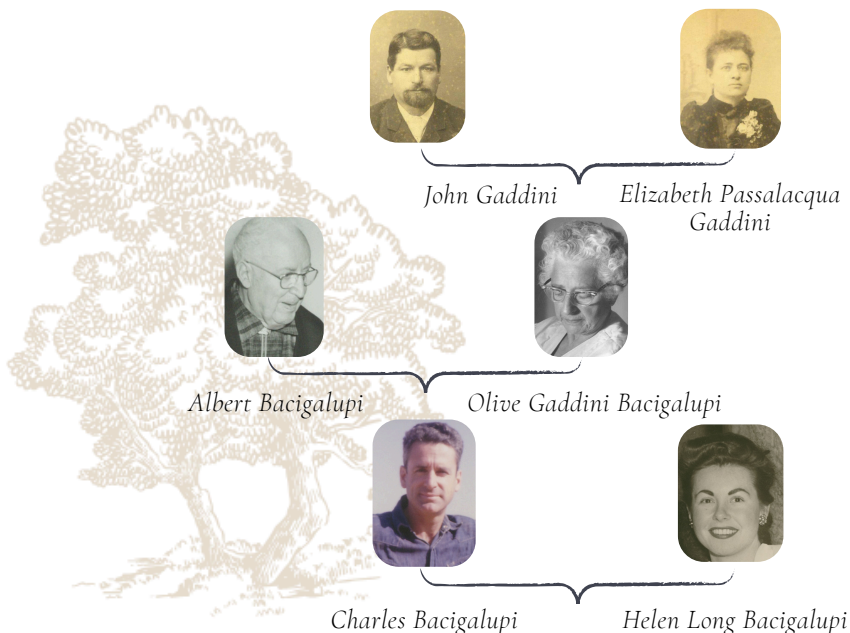
John and Elizabeth's three children, Clara, Ernest, and Olive, moved onto the Chiquita Ranch and managed the Laurel Springs Winery. They ran the winery without incident until one morning in April 1909, when the winery, the fermenting room, and the distillery perished.

Rumors surfaced that John's brother Domy had set the winery on fire. John had been supporting Domy, who had a checkered past. Once John died, so did the bankrolling, and Domy was forced to move up to Healdsburg to work at the winery and earn income from the family. He brought with him a vicious mastiff dog that he kept chained to the winery's door.

Domy turned out to be a decent worker; however, he became fixated on his sister-in-law, Elizabeth and pestered her to marry him. Fed up with the constant harassment, Elizabeth finally made her son, Ernest, evict Domy. He left, seething with resentment.

The Gaddini/Bacigalupi Family

Four Generations of Farmers



John and Elizabeth's youngest child, Olive "Ollie" Gaddini, recorded what happened the night of the fire in the oral archives at the Healdsburg Museum.

"Domy was the only one who could get near the winery because that dog wouldn't allow anybody near it. So in the night, three buildings: the winery, the fermenting room and the distillery. There were three fires, one fire in each building. So that was set, and it was set by Domy because no one else could have gotten near the place because that dog would have chewed them up. That dog didn't make a sound! And Domy knew where every faucet was, and he opened up every faucet in all those buildings, and the tanks didn't have one drop of water."

Just before the fire, Ernest Gaddini, Olive's brother, traveled to New York on a wine-selling trip. He returned triumphant, having sold all the wine in the winery, approximately 100,000 gallons.

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Katey Bacigalupi
Row



Nicole Bacigalupi
Derrico

Winemaker's Notes



Ashley Herzberg, winemaker

We're thrilled to share that the 2023 vintage was exceptional. Abundant winter rains and a delayed budbreak and bloom set the stage for a remarkable growing season. The summer's warm yet moderate temperatures, without extreme weather events, allowed for extended hang time in all our blocks and a gradual ripening process. This resulted in grapes with beautifully preserved natural acidity, leading to wines that are both lovely to drink now and age-worthy for years to come. This is a truly standout vintage that you'll treasure.



180 cases

2024 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

Vineyard: Frost Ranch

We blend two distinct Rosé styles, pressing the juice and saignée (free run), resulting in a refreshingly vibrant and complex wine with a delicate pink hue that epitomizes summer.

Aromas: aromatic nose of strawberry, cantaloupe, and satsuma orange

Palate: bright raspberry and strawberry notes balanced by orange zest and tangerine



328 cases

2023 CHARDONNAY

100% Wente Clone, imported from France in 1902

11 months in 40% New French Oak

Our chardonnay grapes come from three distinct blocks on Goddard and Frost Ranches. We harvest and age these grapes separately to highlight their unique characteristics.

Aromas: a captivating bouquet of white peach, honeysuckle, crème brûlée, almond blossom, jasmine, and Meyer lemon zest

Palate: juicy and vibrant, showcasing fresh stone fruit flavors, bright citrus notes and a lingering acidity that beautifully balances the wine

About our Pinot Noirs

PRODUCTION

Whole-berry cold soak (48 degrees) in a stainless steel tank for 5 days
Gentle warming of grapes initiates fermentation using native yeasts for 9 days
11 months in 40% New French Oak



280 cases

2023 PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER

Vineyards: Bloom, Frost & Goddard Ranches

Our Russian River Pinot Noir blends wines from these three vineyards. We pick, vinify, and age each block separately allowing them to develop their unique characteristics. Then, we blend them just before bottling.

Aromas: blackberry and spice aromas

Palate: a juicy palate with red fruit and earthy tones



153 cases

2023 BLOOM RANCH PINOT NOIR

100% 828 Clone, originated in Dijon, France

This limited-edition vintage is made with a unique clone found nowhere else on our property. It is known for its intense fruit flavor, balance and good aging potential.

Aromas: dusty rose petals, red berries, thyme, and red earth

Palate: crunchy berry fruit and a bright acidity



162 cases

2023 FROST RANCH PINOT NOIR

100% Pommard Clone, originated in Pommard, France

Pommard is a village in the Côte de Beaune sub-region of Burgundy. Pinot Noir made from the Pommard clone is known for its unique flavor profile and structure, with earthy undertones, and a luxurious mouthfeel.

Aromas: dried plums, violets, berry notes, and a hint of cedar

Palate: fruit driven, with juicy black plum, blackberry, black cherry



Charles & Helen Bacigalupi

Ernie came back loaded with orders. The whole inventory was sold. Everything that was supposed to be sold burned up. The winery was full of wine, and the barrels and the shipping tanks broke, and wine flew down our creek into Dry Creek and the Russian River. Our wine filled it! We lost everything.

Fortunately for the Gaddinis, Elizabeth and John had previously purchased another parcel on Dry Creek Road, which Elizabeth now owned free and clear.

The Gaddinis took the insurance money and built what is today known as Wilson Winery's "tin barn." The new winery was ready just in time to receive the fall harvest in 1909.

Olive Gaddini's marriage to Albert Bacigalupi further intertwined our family with Sonoma County's history. Albert's father, Natale Bacigalupi, had immigrated from Genoa, Italy, in 1882. A hardworking and astute businessman, Natale established a grocery store and bakery in Santa Rosa. His success led to his involvement as a director of the Bank of Italy, which later became the Bank of America. His store also served as a launching pad for other prominent Italian grocers in the area.

Olive and Albert's son, Charles Bacigalupi, was born in Santa Rosa in 1923 and married Helen Long. Both pursued medical careers, with Helen becoming a pharmacist and Charles a dentist. In 1956, they purchased a 121-acre ranch off Westside Road, which included 20 acres of vineyards. Charles's passion for viticulture led him to plant various grape varieties, including Pinot Noir bud wood obtained from Karl Wentz. These plantings are among the first well-documented instances of Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley.

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Katey & Nicole

Today, our family farms approximately 150 acres of premium wine grapes and maintains a small herd of beef cattle. Three generations are actively involved in the business, including Helen, who is 99 years old and resides on the Goddard Ranch. Helen's son, John Bacigalupi, and his wife, Pam, manage the winery and vineyard alongside their twin daughters, Nicole and Katey. A fourth generation, represented by Nicole's and Katey's children, ensures the family's legacy continues.

You're Invited

We hope you can join our family!



Spring Release Event

Saturday, April 26th, 2025
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Bacigalupi Vineyards and Estate

Indulge in an exquisite afternoon of flavors and aromas at our classic Pinot & Paella release event. Enjoy a classic seafood paella feast paired with releases from the 2023 vintage.

Vineyard Designate Tasting

Saturday, July 12th 2025
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Grand Cru Custom Crush

Join us for an exclusive walk-around tasting featuring wines crafted solely from Bacigalupi Vineyards grapes. Tickets available in March 2025

Vineyard Dinner

Vineyard Dinner at the Goddard Ranch
Saturday, August 23rd, 2025



Join us for an exceptional meal prepared by

SHANE McANELLY
Executive Chef at Dry Creek Kitchen

Winemaker Ashley Herzberg presents our wines.

For details, visit bacigalupivineyards.com and click on Events.



JARROD, NICOLE, AIDEN, LUCCA, STELLA, OWEN, PAM, JOHN, KATEY & JAMES

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