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Lockwood Vineyard Joins Boisset Family Estates



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Boisset Family Estates now will be producing Lockwood Vineyard's Monterey brand through a strategic partnership with the winery. Lockwood's founding partners, Paul Toeppen, Phil Johnson and Butch Lindley, will remain owners of their estate vineyard, while Boisset

will propel the 75,000-case brand in the market, the company says.

"Monterey's future is only beginning," says Jean-Charles Boisset of Boisset Family Estates.

According to Boisset, Lockwood's Monterey appellation complements its California portfolio of terroir-driven wineries in the Napa Valley, Russian River Valley and Sonoma County.

"This confluence of terroir offers a stunning opportunity to grow incomparable wines," says Boisset of the Monterey Bay's Blue Grand Canyon, the only marine canyon that directly impacts a major wine growing region. The vineyard encompasses nearly 1,900 contiguous acres that wind through warm and cool climate regions at the base of the Santa Lucia mountain range and result in a distinctive soil. "With Lockwood, I was immediately struck by a Chardonnay reminiscent of southern Burgundy—Pouilly-Fuisse and Macon-Villages in particular. Simultaneously, the soil profile reminds us somewhat of Chablis as each boasts the influence of fossilized seashells. We believe that wines from Monterey have an immense opportunity to bring a prestigious cool-climate California appellation at a tremendous value both U.S. and internationally, with wines revealing less oak, great minerality and a fabulous purity that honors food."

Toeppen, which helped establish the Lockwood Vineyard brand in 1989, says: "We've witnessed Boisset's respect and commitment to the wines in its collection. They appreciate and will build upon the best parts of the Lockwood Vineyard brand. We know the Boisset family is committed to the California wine world for the long term."

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