

# 8 California Wine Brands Built On Epic Love Stories

A testament to true love, these wineries prove how romantic partners can also be business partners.

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Jack and Dolores established Cakebread Cellars in 1973. CAKEBREAD CELLARS

There was a time when romantic partners' occupations couldn't be more opposite from one another.

Today, however, professional and love lives seem to go hand in hand from social media couples traveling the globe to husband and wife duos in wine country. Take it from these eight couple-owned wine brands out of California; all of which credit their respective love stories as a key pillar in the winery's legacy.

Read on to explore eight California wine brands based on epic love stories, and to discover more about the latest news and releases defining their modern success.

## **Palisades Canyon**

Felicia Woytak and Steven Rasmussen are proprietors of the newly debuted [Palisades Canyon](#). The couple has been visiting Napa Valley wineries since 1981 and have lived on the Palisades Vineyard since 2015, but it wasn't until last fall that they released their first bottlings, a trio of wines crafted by fourth-generation winemaker Graeme MacDonald. Of the wines released—2021 Chenin Blanc, 2021 Petite Sirah and 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon—their 60 cases of Chenin Blanc sold out in two minutes.

**News:** Just five months after their October 2024 launch, Palisades Canyon is gearing up for the release of their 2022 Chenin Blanc and more 2021 Petite Sirah in March.