



Hazel
& AXE

MERLOT

CALIFORNIA

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WINERY INFORMATION

Erikson & Caradin has one mission, to be a desirable force in the wine industry and rise to the top. This philosophy requires a well-advised blend of hard work, tenacity and desire. A clear priority on doing what you love equates to a well-lived life. We first launched our winery with Napa Valley Cabernet and Chardonnay grown in their individual places and with Hazel & Axe, we scour California for the best sites to create accessible wines that our Grandma Hazel would be proud to offer her friends and family.

OUR STORY

Hazel represents the rock in all our families. The glue that held everything together. She had a saying, "wield the axe," which, to her, meant to use your inner power to always be moving forward in life. The foundation Hazel instilled in her entire world lives on today. You'll find it in every bottle of our wine.

WINEMAKER

Robert Smith, after earning a Baccalaureate in Enology, launched his wine career with a harvest internship at Quintessa, progressed to Covert Estate alongside luxury winemaker Julien Fayard, and most recently served as head winemaker at Quixote Winery, working closely with the renowned Philippe Melka.

PALATE & AROMA

Inspired by the great Merlot-based wines of Saint-Émilion and the Napa Valley, our Hazel & Axe Merlot is a true delight. It showcases lush, ripe fruit flavors of plum and black cherry, beautifully complemented by hints of mocha and vanilla. With a silky, smooth body and soft, well-integrated tannins, this Merlot offers a refined elegance and a lingering, velvety finish. It stands as a timeless representation of the classic California Merlot.

WINE DETAILS

Appellation: California (Napa Valley, Sonoma County, Mendocino County)

Aging: 12 Months - 100% Second Use French Oak

Grapes: 100% Merlot

