

Wine & Spirits

SPECIAL ISSUE
wineandspiritsmagazine.com



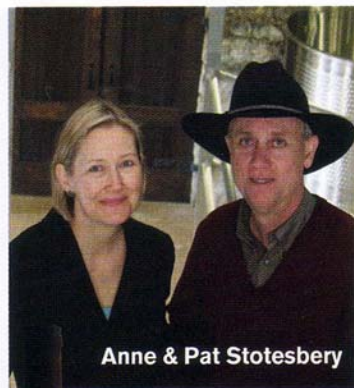
REBELS ROCK THE

BEST

bestnewwineries

IN THE

WIN



Anne & Pat Stotesbery

LADERA

Pat and Anne Stotesbery started growing grapes in 1996, at Lone Canyon Vineyard on Mount Veeder. When the Chateau Woltner property became available, complete with prime Howell Mountain vineyard land and what had been the 19th-century ghost winery of Brun & Chaix, they purchased the property in Angwin and established a

home for Ladera. They renovated the stone winery and replanted the vineyard to create a 103-acre estate.

Those young vines, growing at 1,600 to 1,800 feet, have consistently produced a succulent mountain-grown cabernet since the first release. Among those releases, the '02 is sweetly ripe; the '04 has full-on mineral intensity, a giant mountain cabernet. The '03 is the most composed of the three; it strikes a balance between muscular tannins and classical cassis flavors. The power of this wine increases over the course of several days, and the fruit is there to sustain it for many years to come. —J.G.



Recent Top Wines

- 95** 2003 Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$68
- 92** 2004 Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$70
- 90** 2002 Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$65

Ladera Vineyards, Angwin, CA

Founded: 1998 Winemaker: Karen Culler Acres owned: 103 Annual production: 11,700 cases Estate grown: 100% Owners: Pat & Anne Stotesbery Location: Angwin, CA Website: laderavineyards.com

FALL 2008 • \$5.99

