



## Seven Stones Winery

- News:** The inaugural release of Seven Stones, 237 cases of 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, was announced late this summer and the entire production sold out in just four hours.
- The Wine Spectator's James Laube bestowed 94 points on this first release and is featuring it at the California Wine Experience in New York in October 2008 as his pick of one of the most exciting new wines to watch.
- Place:** Seven Stones' vineyard consists of six parcels totaling 1.78 acres located in the hills east of St. Helena just below the Howell Mountain Appellation. Seven Stones is adjacent to Thorevilos, the Herb Lamb Vineyard and Forman Vineyards.
- History:** The property, originally owned by Bill Harlan, is directly above Meadowood. Ron Wornick began developing vineyard there 10 years ago. Coincidentally, this was the same year he joined Cissy Swig in leading a development campaign to fund the Daniel Libeskind-designed Contemporary Jewish Museum that opened in San Francisco last June.
- The museum and Seven Stones wines reached fruition within weeks of one another, amply rewarding a decade of hard work.
- People:** **Ron Wornick** is an American food scientist, entrepreneur, art collector, philanthropist and vintner. The son of Russian immigrants, he grew up in Malden, Mass. where he took up the trumpet and formed his first dance band at age 14. He moonlighted as a paid musician through his years at Tufts University then completed graduate studies at MIT.
- While a student, he worked at the National Fisheries Institute developing processes for testing the freshness of fish. Later he contributed to the treatment of Panama Disease. In 1979 his eponymous company was selected by the U.S. military to commercialize and deliver its newest version of the individual combat field ration, Meals Ready to Eat or MREs, which revolutionized how and what servicemen eat in the field.
- Winemaker Aaron Pott** is an alumnus of the University of California at Davis' top-ranked department Viticulture and Enology. During his four years at Davis, Pott worked part-time at the Robert Mondavi Winery, the region's most innovative winery at that time.



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#### **People cont.:**

Upon graduation, he worked as assistant winemaker to the venerated John Kongsgaard at Newton Vineyards where he met internationally acclaimed wine consultant Michel Rolland who successfully lobbied on Pott's behalf for a position as head winemaker at Chateau Troplong Mondot, now a Premier Grand Cru Classé in Saint-émilion, France. Pott left Chateau Troplong Mondot after a year to become head winemaker at Château La Tour Figeac, a Grand Cru Classé located in Saint-émilion. He spent five years there and in the process earned a degree in Viticulture from the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon, France.

#### **Art:**

**Joined by his wife Anita, Ron Wornick** has further distinguished himself with the considered development of a private collection of contemporary craft. Wornick, an accomplished woodworker, began actively collecting master artisan pieces made from wood, ceramics, glass, fiber and metal in the mid-1980s.

Today, the Wornick collection is considered one of the premier contemporary craft collections in the world. The collection, which was bequeathed in part to the Museum of Fine Art in Boston in 2007, has been on exhibit in major museums throughout the U.S.