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QUARRY IMPROVEMENTS

- Upgraded and serviced plant dust suppression.
- Worked on stormwater projects to stop runoff.

BY THE NUMBERS

Stevens Creek Quarry is allowed to operate a limited number of non-emergency Saturdays and evenings per the neighborhood agreement.

Here's How We Are Doing:	Days Allowed in a Year	Days Used 1/18-12/18
Saturdays		
Plant Operations	15	0
Truck Loading Operations	15	0
Evenings		
Plant or Truck Loading Operations	30	0

FAST FACTS

- In 1997 DNA revealed that the Cabernet Sauvignon grape developed from a chance crossing between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc grapes during the 17th century in southwestern France. The grape is considered a relatively new variety.
- A standard bottle of wine is 750 milliliters (ml), and contains about 2.6 pounds of grapes.
- While there are many types of soil, rocks and minerals in the world's vineyards, most vineyard soils can be sorted into 5-6 different types that affect wine flavor. Limestone is one of the most famous and desirable soil types for winemaking.
- Legend has it that Montebello Ridge might have a lost gold mine or hidden treasure. Stories are told that there was a gentleman named "Indian Joe" who many years ago used to pay for provisions with gold dust pulled from his headdress.

CONTACT US

Quarry Times is a publication for keeping our neighbors informed about quarry activities, and also includes other information of community interest.



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Tasting Greatness in the Valley of the Vine



Wine Tasting on Fellom Ranch Vineyard's Beautiful Redwood Terrace

Long before Silicon Valley, this was the Valley of the Heart's Delight – a lush landscape of agricultural abundance, bountiful blooming orchards and flourishing fertile soil.

Today, juxtaposed to frenzied freeways and technology titans, there exists a slow and meandering five-mile mountain road that winds past six wineries producing premier wines in rarified small lots. These are the wines and wineries of Montebello Road, recognized as growing fruit that is "some of the most pedigreed in the United States."

Among wine experts, these small wineries – most with historic viticultural traditions – are considered to produce some of the world's finest wines, particularly Cabernet Sauvignons

that are equal to, or exceed, those from the Bordeaux region of France. The vineyards and wineries of Picchetti Winery, Ridge Vineyards,

Fellom Ranch Vineyards, Naumann Vineyards, R & W Vineyards, and Vidovich Vineyards are part of the Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation (or American Viticultural Area – "AVA") the oldest wine producing region in California. One of these, Ridge Vineyards, is known for winning a blind tasting by French judges in the 1976 Judgment of Paris. Alongside select vintages from Napa producers, this competition is regarded as a watershed event in California's wine history.

According to Bud Fellom of Fellom Ranch Vineyards, this is a key Cabernet Sauvignon growing



On Saturday, November 17, 2018, Fellom Ranch Vineyards officially released the 2016 Estate Montebello Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon. This wonderful wine is the vanguard of their product line.

Contributing To the Needs of the Neighborhood

Many different skills and services help define and contribute to the fabric of our unique neighborhood. We have excellent schools, world class wineries, and beautiful Stevens Creek County Park with its outstanding opportunities for recreation. Via West is nearby too, providing residential respite care with special needs camping programs for children and adults.

We've been a part of this wonderful neighborhood for many decades helping provide products and services for homes, businesses, civic infrastructure and non-profits.

"Infrastructure" brings to mind highways, bridges, power plants, and all kinds of massive projects that are necessary for the functioning of a society.

But infrastructure is also local. It's about what we need and use close to home. For example, our aggregates are being used for the McClellan bike separation lanes being built from Stelling and McClellan to near Monta Vista High School. This is part of Cupertino's Bicycle Transportation Plan to create an exceptional bicycling environment. When the Bike Plan is completed there will be more than 50 miles of new and upgraded bicycling facilities throughout Cupertino.

SCQ's products are also part of the new sidewalk being built on McClellan from the new parking lot near Deep Cliff Golf Course that will connect up near the high school. This is part of the Pedestrian Plan that the City adopted earlier this year to develop a connected pedestrian network giving residents of all ages and abilities more opportunities for walking.

Such improvements may not be as glamorous as some of the high-profile mega-projects, but these enable every one of our neighbors to enjoy a safer, healthier and better quality of life. We're pleased to provide some of the resources that make our neighborhood a better place to live.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year.



region. "That's the varietal and it compares to the Bordeaux region of France. That's what made that region world famous – Bordeaux's – which are Cabernet Sauvignons. Many French wines are blends of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petite Syrah, but the dominant varietal is Cabernet Sauvignon. That's a defining characteristic of this mountain – what we grow that has world recognition is the Cabernet Sauvignon grape and that Cabernet is the "King of the reds."

Terroir

Spanning Santa Clara, Santa Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, the appellation is defined by its mountain topography yet comprises wide ranging differences. The Montebello Road wines are popularly recognized as a "subcategory" due to the unique conditions of its microclimates, soils, elevations and vineyard locations.

Perhaps the French word "terroir" better defines the wines' exclusive characteristics. Not only are they part of a specific appellation, but share similar soils, topography, weather conditions and grapes that produce unique tastes, flavors and personalities. Two other factors are also increasingly being recognized in terroir – the region's unique microbial life, and the traditions being used in the winemaking.

How Geology and Soils Also Influence Wine Quality

An important distinction influencing flavor and wine quality are the underlying geology and soil condi-

Santa Resides in Cupertino!

Did you know you can request a private visit from Santa and his helpers in your home?

Each visit lasts 15 minutes and due to high demand is limited to Cupertino residents. Dates and times range from Dec. 9th-17th and costs \$50. Registration is required in person at the Quinlan Community Center (10185 N. Stelling Rd.). During the visit Santa will take photos, listen to wish lists, and pass out candy canes (other candy and gifts may be supplied by the family).

For more information call Recreation & Community Services at (408) 777-3120.



FELLOM RANCH

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Fellom Ranch is a family owned and operated, micro-winery, producing hand-crafted wines that focus on terroir and natural processes. By only producing estate-grown wines and single vineyard selections, our wines feature unique characteristics and great depth found in few other wines.

TASTING NOTES:

Dark garnet color, with aromas of raspberries, bramble and cassis. Richly extracted with complex flavors of kirsch, anise, tar, firm tannins, well layered, with a long silky finish. Rounded in style, drinkable now but will age well to tens years plus. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc. 100% Estate grown, produced and bottled.

GROWN, PRODUCED, & BOTTLED BY FELLOM RANCH VINEYARDS, CUPERTINO, CA 95014

Back label of the just released 2016 Estate Montebello Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon.

tions, including the effects of tectonic activity. The varied soil types scattered across vineyards contain limestone, volcanic rock, chert, sheared up sandstone and shale, and other rocks that help contribute to the complexity and powerfully rich flavors of the local wines.

Using the San Andreas Fault as a rough boundary between the Pacific and North American plates indicates that the wineries are located east of the fault on the North American plate. However, according to geologist Russell Graymer of the USGS, "all the rocks under the wineries are part of the Franciscan Complex, oceanic rocks that were scraped off and added to the continental margin about 75 million years ago."

This is opposite of what one might expect, and a fascinating fact about Bay Area geology. Rocks to the west of the San Andreas Fault (Pacific Plate) are more typically continental (granite, metamorphic, and sedimentary) — "a piece of the southern Sierra Nevada cut off and moved north by motion on the San Andreas," said Graymer, while

those east of the fault (North American Plate) are oceanic.

Slope direction, elevation, steepness, soil thickness and any number of other factors also play a role in local terroir.

Nearby resources are also utilized by the wineries. "We use SCQ's products up here at the ranch all the time," said

Fellom. "Their road materials — base rock and drain rock, and delivery by their trucking services."

"We use SCQ's broom service on our road, too", continued Fellom. "It's really great that they're so near, otherwise we'd have to go to another source some distance away. SCQ's staff is very good to talk to, and we get excellent customer service and response. They're really cool about it, and we're appreciative that they're able to get someone up here on short notice and do a real good job."

One can spend time traveling to Bordeaux or even Napa and Sonoma, but 15 minutes from downtown Cupertino are wines that have achieved international acclaim comparable to those from the world's finest vineyards. It may now be Silicon Valley, but the Valley of the Heart's Delight is still expressed in the deep, elegant and sublime wines of Montebello Road.

Sources: Wiatrak, Bryce, "How Montebello Road Became California's Greatest Cabernet Tour", *San Francisco Chronicle*, Mar. 1, 2018. Wikipedia

SCQ Forecasts Snow in Cupertino!

For over 15 years, SCQ has helped Via Services and Rotary Club of Cupertino with Operation Snowflake, held each December at the Via West Campus (formerly Camp Costanoan). For many children with disabilities and special needs this will be their first time experiencing a "snow day" including the fun of a sled run, playing in the snow, and making snowballs and snowmen.

According to the Rotary Club, about 13 tons of "snow" are trucked in by SCQ for the snow play and

sliding area. Steve Martini, Operations Manager for Rich Voss Trucking, indicated that several 10-wheeler trucks travel to the East Bay to load and

transport the pallets for delivery to Via West.

Upon arrival, with the help of SCQ's forklift, the volunteers spread the ice so that a surprise awaits the children after their afternoon rest.

The holiday event also includes tree decorating, arts and crafts, stocking stuffing, singing, hot

chocolate and snacks.

SCQ also does a toy drive at the quarry for the event and gifts are distributed during Operation Snowflake.



Photo Credit: Via Services

Snowman Cups Fun to Eat for All Ages!

- 2 pkg. (3.9 oz. each) JELL-O Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding
- 1 qt. (4 cups) cold milk
- 20 OREO Cookies, crushed (about 2 cups), divided
- 2 cups thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping
- Assorted decorating gels

1. Beat pudding mixes and milk with whisk 2 min. Let stand 5 min.

Photo: ©2018 Kraft Foods

2. Stir in 1 cup cookie crumbs.
3. Spoon remaining cookie crumbs into 10 (6 to 7-oz.) paper or plastic cups; cover with pudding mixture.
4. Drop spoonfuls of COOL WHIP onto desserts to resemble snowmen. Decorate with gels for the eyes, noses and scarves.

10 servings; ½ cup each/280 calories per serving.

Registering for Recreation Easier Than Ever!

Cupertino's new online registration system makes it easier than ever to book picnic sites, purchase memberships, and book facilities up to three months ahead. Create your account and quickly register for classes, activities, and other activities.

1. Visit <http://apm.activecommunities.com/cupertino>
2. Click "Create Account"
3. Complete your information!



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Community Calendar

Fellom Ranch Vineyards: Passport Saturdays
 – Wine tastings: **January 19, 2019 & April 20th,**
Noon – 5pm. Open for wine tasting and vineyard
 tours by appointment. For more information see
 www.fellom.com or call (408) 741-0206.

**Picchetti Winery: Tasting Hours are 11am to
 5pm daily.** Build your own flight of 5 wines for
 \$10/\$15. \$5 of your tasting fee refunded with
 each wine purchase. Lovely public picnic area
 and Open Space hiking trails. Call (408) 741-
 1310 or visit www.picchetti.com.

Ridge Vineyards: Monte Bello Tasting & Sales:
Sat. & Sun. 11am – 4pm, no reservations
required. Weekdays by reservation only. Estate
 and private tastings by reservation only. Closed
 Dec. 24th and 25th; Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st. Call
 (408) 867-3233 or check www.ridgewine.com for
 more information.

**Rotary Club of Cupertino: Operation Snow-
 flake, Sat., Dec. 1st (children) & 8th (adults);
 1:30-4pm, Via West Campus, 13850 Stevens
 Canyon Rd. – Serving kids and adults with**

special needs. Holiday fun including “snow”, arts
 and crafts, cookies, tree decorating and stocking
 stuffing.

**Via Services – Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, “A Black &
 White Masquerade Ball”** – 24th Annual Via Ball at
 Villa Ragusa, Campbell. 100% of the proceeds go
 towards the programs at Via Services - First Step,
 Via West, and Altitude.

**West Coast Farmers Market, Fridays – 2pm-6pm
 and Sundays, 9am-1pm.** Oaks Shopping Center
 parking lot; Creekside Farmers Market, Fridays –
 9am-1pm.

West Valley Community Services – Please help
 families struggling to survive in our community.
 The Gift of Hope holiday gift program provides
 more than 300 homeless and low-income families
 with items they need. Please help make someone's
 holiday wish come true. Call (408) 255-8033 to
 find out more about how you can help.

If your community non-profit has an upcoming
 event, please contact Sharon Prager at (650) 579-
 5839.

