A Rich Tradition

Many Saint Mary’s College alumni continue the Christian Brothers Winery’s rich legacy in California’s wine industry. For decades, Brother Timothy Diener ’33 brought national recognition to the winery as its cellarmaster. He was inducted into the first class of the Vintners Hall of Fame in 2007. Other inductees from SMC are:

- **Darrell Corti ’64**
  for creating a larger market for emerging wineries, spurring a renaissance of Zinfandel and pushing the rediscovery of the Sierra Foothills as a fine wine-growing region.

- **Justin Meyer ’62**
  for creating sought-after ultra-premium wines at Silver Oak Cellars, which he co-founded, and for leading the American Vineyard Foundation.

Since the early 20th century, hundreds of SMC graduates have had an impact on the wine industry in California and beyond. Who knows how many more will one day become members of the Vintners Hall of Fame?
The Gaels in Wine Alumni Chapter is open to any Gael in the wine industry. Founded by former Kenwood winemaker Bob Kozlowski ’50, the chapter has more than 100 members, with graduation years from 1949 to 2010. The chapter hosts get-togethers at wineries or at the College, and members support each other in their various endeavors.

Gaels in Wine have ties to many wineries, including:

- Abbey of New Clairvaux
- Alpha Omega Winery
- Artesa Vineyards & Winery
- Ascentia Wine Estates
- Athair Wines
- Aver Family Vineyards
- Blackbird Vineyards
- Brother Timothy Estate Cabernet
- Buoncristiani Family Winery
- California Cellars
- Channing Daughters Winery
- Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery
- Columbia Winery
- Concannon Vineyards
- David Arthur Vineyards
- DAVIN Wines
- Due Vigne di Famiglia
- E&J Gallo Winery
- Far Niente Winery
- Fleming Jenkins Vineyards & Winery
- Francis Ford Coppola Presents, LLC
- Gann Family Cellars
- Kendall-Jackson
- Jackson Wine Estates
- Kennedy Family Vineyards
- Klick Wine
- Kunde Family Estate
- Mantra Wines
- Mcgrail Vineyards and Winery
- Melville Winery
- Michael Pozzan Winery
- Murrietta’s Well Winery
- Natalie’s Estate Winery
- Navarro Vineyards and Winery
- Olin Wines
- Opus One
- Orsi Papale Estate Wines
- Parkmon Vineyards
- Pedroncelli Winery
- Preston of Dry Creek
- R&B Cellars
- R. Merlo Estate Vineyards
- Realm Cellars
- Renteria Wines
- Reynolds Family Winery
- Saucelito Canyon Vineyards and Winery
- Scribner Bend Vineyards
- Silversmith Vineyards
- Stag’s Leap Wine Cellars
- Taft Street Winery
- Thomas Fogarty Winery
- Tre Béllis Cellars
- Trinchero Family Estates
- TWODOG Wine
- Van Ruiten Family Winery
- Vine Cliff Winery
- VJB Vineyards & Cellars
- Watts Winery
- Willamette Valley Vineyards, Inc.

Alumni’s wine-related professions include:

- Author
- Chemist
- Grower
- Journalist
- Regulator
- Sales
- Sommelier
- Teacher
- Wine shop owner
- Viticulturist

Join by contacting the Alumni Association at (800) 800-ALUM or online at stmarys-ca.edu.