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## Gargiulo Vineyards

*Like many family wineries, Gargiulo Vineyards grew out of an intense passion for great wine and agriculture.*

**GARGIULO VINEYARDS** of Oakville, located in the heart of Napa Valley, is committed to producing high-quality, vineyard-driven wine. Jeff and Valerie Gargiulo have two estate properties—the 40-acre Money Road Ranch and 575 OVX, a 9-acre parcel located at 575 Oakville Crossroad (hence the name) that is sandwiched between the vineyards of Rudd and Screaming Eagle. Both vineyards are located in the esteemed Oakville Appellation and are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese and Pinot Grigio (Money Road Ranch) and Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot (575 OVX).

Jeff Gargiulo has been in the agricultural business his entire life. Gargiulo Farms was one of the most highly regarded producers of tomatoes in the United



States when Jeff decided to sell it and turn his full attention to viticulture. In 2001, the Gargiulo's daughter, April, moved to Napa Valley to help her father start the winery. "Up until that point, he had been selling grapes," says April. "After years of research, responsible farming, rigorous selection and ultimately winemaking dedicated to a vivid and true expression, our first commercial vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon was released in 2003."

In 2006, the Gargiulos completed their state-of-the-art winery at 575 OVX, a project that was two years in the planning. Although the winery's exterior appearance is modest, it houses the most advanced winemaking technology and will provide ample room for the Gargiulo's 3,500-case production.

This year, Gargiulo Vineyards will release all three single-vineyard estate Cabernet Sauvignons from the two Oakville vineyards. "It has been a long time in the making, and we are beyond excited to finally share these wines from the 2005 vintage," says April, who is director of sales and marketing for Gargiulo Vineyards.

Gargiulo Vineyards has the distinction of being one of Vintrust's first winery clients. "Vintrust is critical in our commitment to deliver the highest quality experience to each of our customers," says April. "We knew that with Steve Gant running the Winery Services Division for Vintrust, our customers would receive the best service in the business.

"I am continually impressed by the Vintrust team's dedication to efficient and effective service."