



andrew lane

## *History*

Dave Dickson and Sandee Hoffman married and moved from Orange County, California to Napa Valley in 1973. Soon after, Dave, Sandee and their friends Rex and Amy Geitner, began making wine and competing in the Napa Valley Home Winemakers Classic.

One evening, Rex, Amy, Sandee and Dave were resting after a day of crushing as a November storm rolled in. The families gathered around the fireplace while Sandee read *Frog and Toad's Big Adventure* to her three-year old son, Andrew. Frogs from a bamboo patch skirting the wine cellar billowed a tranquil, earthy cadence. So after a long day in the vineyards, to the rhythm of Arthur Lobel's children's story, the original Frog's Leap winery was created. In 1978, a few short years later, Dave Dickson founded the winery as it is known today—named for his two sons, Andrew and Lane.

In 1983, the Dicksons won "Best in Show" honors, as well as a blue ribbon, for their Sauvignon Blanc at the prestigious Napa Town and Country Fair. David Dickson was featured in the St. Helena Star, profiled as "A Winning Home Winemaker."

In 2002, Andrew Dickson transformed the underground wine favorite into a commercial venture. With their move to Emeryville in 2005, the family now celebrates the progressive nature of the urban wine experience. Through relationships forged over three decades in the Napa Valley, Andrew Lane is fortunate to draw fruit from a select few of its finest vineyards, hauling tons of prized grapes over Highway 80 to their urban winery, housed in a former WWII submarine repair facility in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area.