

Philosophy:

EFESTÉ's philosophy is *"great wines are made in the vineyard."* We have the marvelous fortune of working with some of the premier vineyards in the world. *We use old world techniques and new world fruit, guaranteeing the best of both realms: earthy concentration and elegance from the methods, paired with power and brightness from the berries.* We work primarily with old vines ensuring the maturity, desired for power and concentration, while maintaining grace and elegance. We use 100% native fermentation with no fining and no filtering to extract sultry earth tones without overpowering the fruit flavors produced in the vineyards.

EFESTÉ believes that terrior, "a sense of place" and a minimalist approach to winemaking make the best wines. We take the approach of wine monitoring rather than winemaking. An integral value at EFESTÉ is to honor the beauty of art – the craft of winemaking included – and great artists such as Picasso, Van Gogh, Beethoven, and Shakespeare.

A powerful facet of all memorable works of art is in the exquisiteness that arises from its inherent imperfections. So too "great wines are perfectly flawed" to create an identity and lasting impression.

After taking a sneak preview of the 2006 and 2007 reds from barrel, we can honestly say that Efesté is a winery to follow.
Dan McCarthy, Wine Merchant, April 2008.