

CEÀGO

VINEGARDEN



Family Tradition ❖ *Quality Wines* ❖ *Biodynamic Farming*



Jim Fetzer's dream of building a Biodynamic Farm has become a reality & has evolved into a Vinegarden of Eden reaching a new level in green development.

Ceago Means

The word "Ceàgo" is derived from a local Pomo Indian word meaning "Grass Seed Valley". Like the Native Americans who were here before us, we believe that people must interact with the land in an essential, nurturing fashion, to assure long-term quality and prosperity.

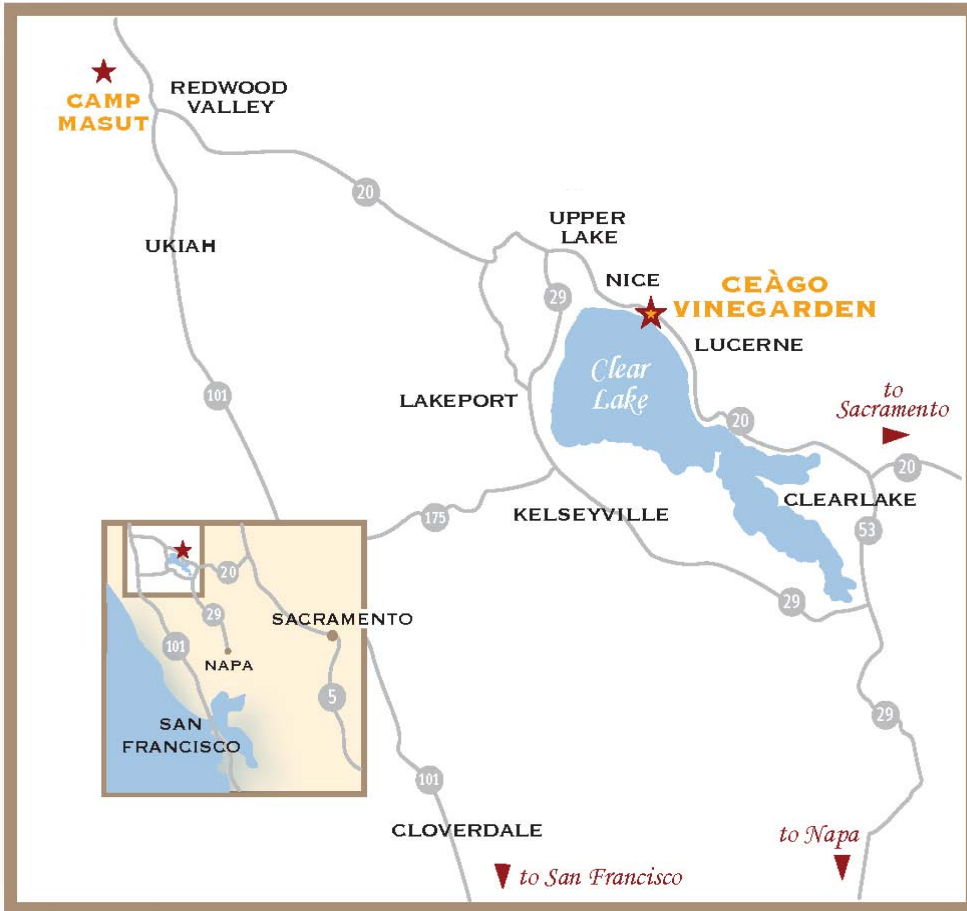
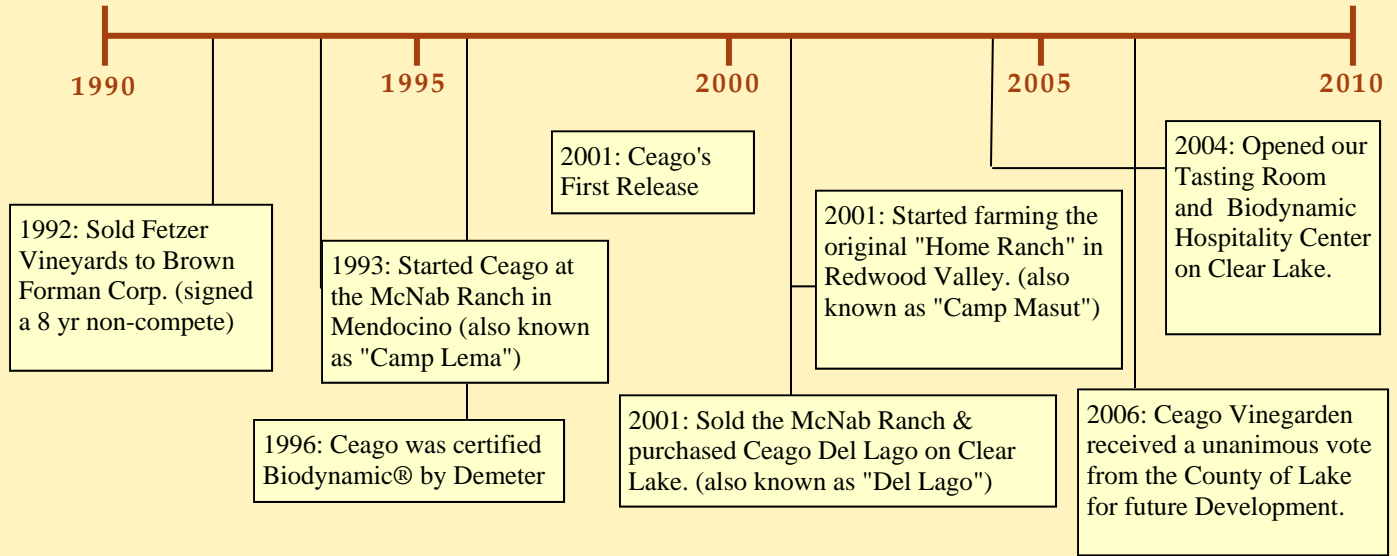
Ceago's Mission

At Ceago, our mission is to craft small lots of wine from estate grown organic and biodynamic grapes using the best of Old and New World wine-making techniques.





Ceago Timeline



★ *Ceago Vinegarden Estate Locations*

Locations & Estates

Ceago Vinegarden has vineyards in both Lake & Mendocino Counties in northern California. These two counties, along with Napa and Sonoma Counties, are collectively recognized worldwide as one of the premier grape growing regions in California. Our vineyards are just two hours north of San Francisco (100 miles)



Lake County

Del Lago & Kathleen's Vineyard

Located high above Napa, Sonoma & Mendocino Counties in the upper right corner of California's north coast wine region, Ceago's vineyards are blessed with well-drained grave-and-loam soils. The vineyards share a 163-acre estate with palm & cypress trees, olive groves, fruit trees, walnuts, figs, lavender fields, vegetable & herb gardens, agaves, and riparian vegetation.

In keeping with Ceago's holistic & Biodynamic principles, sheep & chickens roam the land, along with wild turkeys, raccoons, birds, butterflies, and native bees. All of these beings contribute to the vitality of Ceago's air & soil. Ceago Vinegarden's property on Clear Lake has received Biodynamic certification by Demeter UAS, a leader in Biodynamic certification and awareness.

In addition to the farm, Ceago Vinegarden offers a Tasting Room, a seasonal open-air café, a conference room, & an extra-long Pier where boats & seaplanes can dock.



Ceago Vinegarden invites you to relax to the songs of birds, learn about the rhythms of the land, and savor the fruits of the vine.



Or you can just bask in the sun and gaze at the lake while enjoying the wonderful food and wine Ceago has to offer!





Mendocino County

Camp Masut

Formally known as the Home Ranch, Camp Masut is situated in the oak valley where it all started. When Jim Fetzer was a kid he helped his father grow grapes on a 750-acre parcel with loam, gavel and clay soil in Redwood Valley. Jim now owns 132-acres of that property on the western bench lands of the Russian River headwaters.

Eighteen acres of Camp Masut are devoted to Merlot and the rest of the land will be restored to its original state with plantings of oak trees & riparian vegetation along the creeks. The winery where Ceago Vinegarden's grapes are transformed into award-winning wine is located on this historic property.

Camp Masut was certified Biodynamic in 1996 by Demeter.

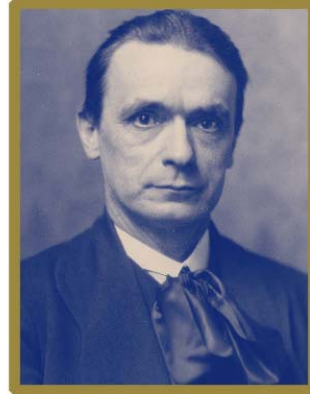


“This deliciously supple & deep flavored merlot from unheralded Mendocino County has a level of class & complexity usually associated with prestigious Napa & Sonoma bottlings”

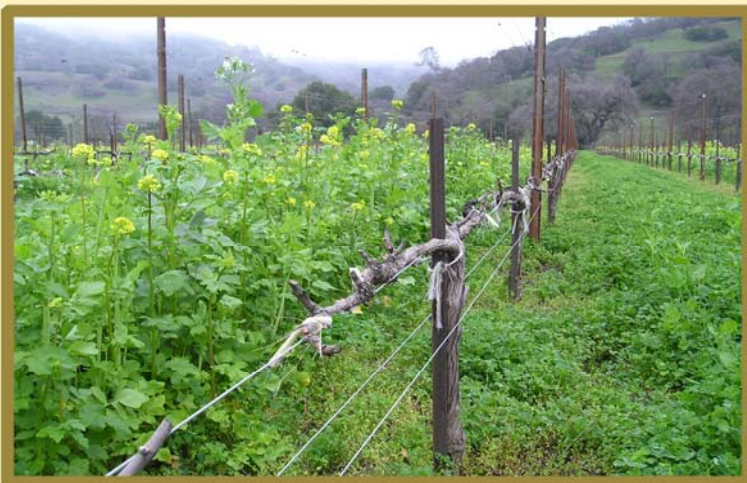
-The Washington Post

Biodynamic Farming

In 1924, Rudolf Steiner gave a series of 8 lectures, laying the foundation for a new way of thinking about the relationship of the earth and the formative forces of nature. He showed how the health of the soil, plants, and animals depends on reconnecting nature with the creative forces of the cosmos.



Biodynamics comes from the Greek words bios and dyn, which mean "life forces."



Biodynamics is a science of life-forces, a recognition of the basic principles at work in nature, and an approach to agriculture which takes these principles into account to bring about balance and healing.



Biodynamics is an ongoing path of knowledge rather than an assemblage of methods and techniques.

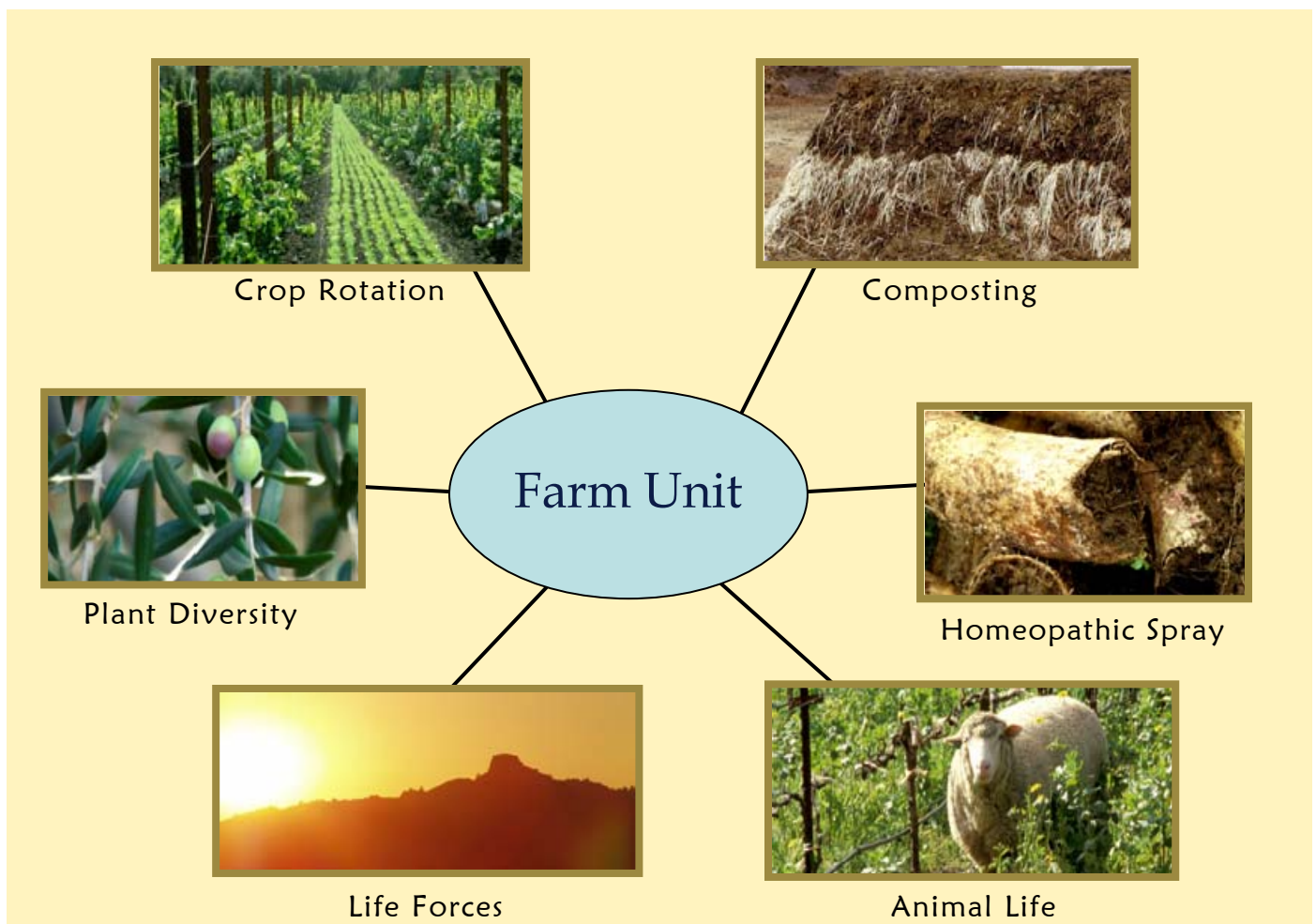


Biodynamic Farming

Biodynamics is a proactive approach to farming that looks at the individuality of each property and adds back with natural plant and animal life to emulate nature and create a self-sustainable environment.

Biodynamic farming integrates agricultural, biological and ecological scientific knowledge into crop rotations, compost production, plant diversity, homeopathic sprays and soil and animal practices. These practices are combined with our natural life forces to go beyond organic standards to heal the earth for future generations.

Each Farm is a living entity and has its own individuality.



Plant Diversity

Plant diversity plays a very important role on a Biodynamic Farm by providing natural habitat that incorporates into the farm ecosystem. We utilize plant diversity to help emulate nature and decrease pest problems that could occur.



At Ceago we integrate habitat corridors, lavender fields, olive orchards, walnut trees, gardens and the natural gifts of our land give us.

Biodynamic farming is the oldest non-chemical agriculture movement in the world, predating "organic" agriculture by 20 years.



Crop Rotation

Within our vineyard, cover crops are utilized as crop rotation. Cover Crops are beneficial plants intermingled among the vine rows to store nutrients like nitrogen. They also stabilize soil during heavy rains and hold moisture during drought periods and provide forage for the animal life at Ceago.

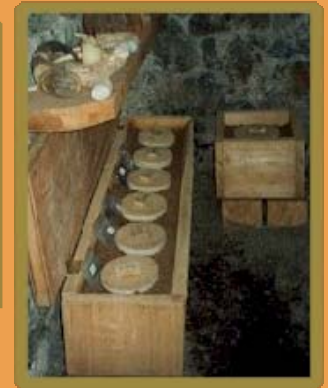
Crop rotation provides soil enrichment, natural habitat, encourages beneficial insects while reducing soil compaction and recycling plant nutrients into our soils.



Composting

You might say it's all in the compost. These piles contain sheep manure, straw, cow manure and vegetative matter from the ranch. But they also have some special preparations that are added to regulate decomposition and enrich the life in the soil once it's applied to the vines.

The compost preparations consist of different herbs and vegetative material. Yarrow, chamomile, valerian, stinging nettle, dandelion and oak bark: 6 materials that work together to enhance soil life. They are stored in a cool, moist, dark corner of the Ceago cellar.



Animal Life

There are about 40 sheep on the ranch. Most of them are Rambouillets, a hardy breed that produces a fine wool. Biodynamic farming encourages self-sustaining methods. The sheep are an excellent example. They control cover crops and weeds, the manure is used in the compost, that in turn produces healthy vines and wine. We are nourished from their meat and clothed by their wool.



Chickens share the vineyards with the sheep and crew. The Rhode Island Reds control cutworms that can feed on vine roots. This type of chicken is a prolific egg producer, supplying enough eggs to keep all the staff on the ranch well fed at breakfast.





Homeopathic Teas

There are two other preparations that make biodynamic farming exceptional: horn silica (501), and horn manure (500).

500: Horn Manure

This female cow horn contains high quality cow manure. It's buried in the ground on the fall equinox and removed on the spring equinox. It has a rich, sweet earthy quality that enhances microorganism life once applied.

Above the prep cellar you'll find a 90-gallon stainless steel tank that stirs the preparations before they can be applied to the vines and soil. This is a part of the process that many find intriguing. The water, along with the preparations, is stirred continuously to create a vortex. Once that's established, the machine reverses direction creating chaos in the water. The entire process takes one hour. This process creates microorganism growth.



“It is impossible to understand plant life without taking into account the fact that everything on Earth is actually only a reflection of what is taking place in the cosmos.”

—Rudolf Steiner





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501: Horn Silica

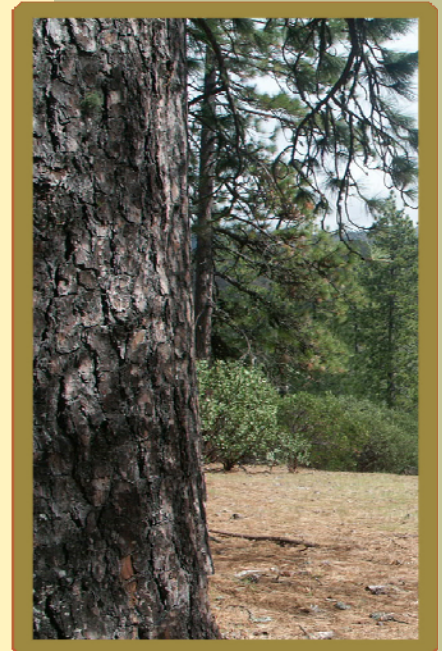
The BD 501 preparation (horn-silica) is made from powdered quartz (packed inside a cow horn and buried in the soil for six months through spring and summer) and applied as a foliar spray to stimulate and regulate growth.

When the silica falls onto the leaves and shoots of the vines, light refracts through the prisms stimulating photosynthesis and the formation of chlorophyll. The 501 preparation helps influence color, and flavors



Life Forces

The time of day, time of year and the lunar cycles play a big role in Biodynamic farming. This cosmic or universal consideration is an ancient concept; moon and sun rhythms along with celestial events do affect plant growth and formation. At Ceago, we try to work closely with these natural life forces to help improve our farming practices to create the quality product.



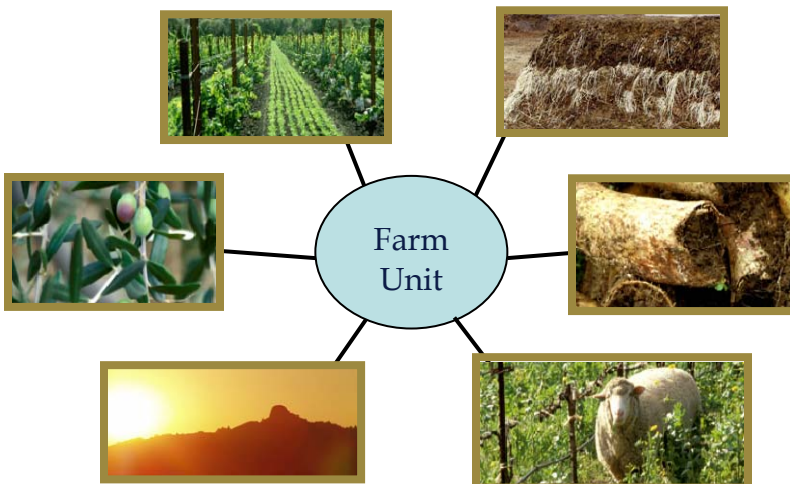
Shades of Green

CONVENTIONAL SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC BIODYNAMIC®



Biodynamic Overview

Biodynamic farming techniques utilize the vineyard's natural resources to cultivate the highest quality grapes without the use of pesticides, synthetic fertilizers or genetically modified organisms.



Ceago Overview



Price Competitive

Quality Product

Hand Crafted

Approachable

Fetzer Family

Biodynamic

Well Balanced