

1000 BC – 1823

Wappo Indians were the sole inhabitants of the Napa Valley.

1820

Don Francis Castro & Father Jose Altimura are the first Europeans to explore the Napa Valley.

1841

Dr. Bale became a citizen of Mexico after marrying the niece of General Mariano Vallejo and was granted Rancho Carne Humana, which comprised the land between present day Rutherford and Calistoga,

1846

The Bale Grist Mill was completed by Florentine Kellogg, one of the original owners of Ehlers Estate.

1849

Napa County is formed as one of California's original counties.

1853

The community of St. Helena was established.

1864

The Napa Valley Railroad began operation between Vallejo and Calistoga, the rail tracks being the eastern boundary of Ehlers Estate.

1885

Bernard Ehlers purchases Ehlers Estate from Reverend Alfred Todhunter of St. Helena Grace Episcopal Church.

1886

1886 Bernard Ehlers completes the stone winery which stands today on Ehlers Estate.

1900

1901

Bernard Ehlers dies leaving his estate to his wife, Anna Stolls.

1920

Prohibition becomes law.

1923

Alfred Domingos buys Ehlers Estate from Anna Stolls.

1932

Prohibition is repealed.

1933

The Domingos Brothers, Alfred and Manny, establish the Old Bale Mill Winery on Ehlers Estate.

1958

The Old Bale Mill Winery closes its doors.

1970

Ehlers Estate is operated by Conn Creek Winery, Vichon Winery and Stratford Winery.

1982

Jean and Sylviane establish Prince Michel Vineyards in Virginia.

1987

Jean and Sylviane Leducq purchase vineyard land on Ehlers Lane.

1996

Vines get planted in Ehlers Lane.

1997

The Leducq Foundation is created by Jean and Sylviane Leducq to benefit international cardiovascular research.

2000

2001

The Leducq Foundation purchases the historic winery building

2002

Jean Leducq passed

2006

Sylviane built the winemaking facility building

2013

Sylviane Leducq passed

2021

Replanting Starts

2023

Estate Renovation

Adam Casto joins as Head Winemaker

2026

Release of La Perdiz /140th anniversary of Estate

