



Clarksburg Wine Company has new ownership.

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An investment group lead by John R. Beckman, has purchased the majority interest in the Clarksburg Wine Company LLC, Inc. The investment group also owns approximately 100 acres including the Old Sugar Mill facility, that is home to the Clarksburg Wine Company and five other wineries (www.oldsugarmill.com).

Mr. Beckman has been the general manager of the Old Sugar Mill for the past 12 months and has been named president of the Clarksburg Wine Company. Beckman will run the day-to-day operations of the winery, while retaining his Old Sugar Mill responsibilities. John Carvalho Jr., the former managing director of the Clarksburg Wine Company, will now devote his time to his own venture, the Carvalho Family Winery, also located at the Old Sugar Mill.

The Clarksburg Wine Company is a full-service custom crush winery, collaborating with growers and wineries located within the immediate Clarksburg area, as well as the Lodi area to the south, the Sierra foothills to the east, and Napa and Sonoma Counties to the west.

“Within the wine industry it has been a well-kept secret for decades that the vineyards of the Clarksburg appellation are the source of some of the highest quality and highest value fruit in California,” Beckman said. “The same cooling bay breezes that influence the southern Sonoma and Napa regions moderate the temperatures in the Clarksburg region. Once you visit the Clarksburg area, it’s hard to imagine it is located only 11 miles south of the front steps of the capitol building in downtown Sacramento.”

Beckman said well over 100,000 tons of grapes were harvested last year in the Clarksburg area, with the vast majority of these wine grapes being processed outside the region. For a number of reasons, Beckman will strive to see that change and work on keeping the processing business local.

The Clarksburg Wine Company and the 5 other wineries at the Old Sugar Mill are located along the Sacramento River, in the historic town of Clarksburg.

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