

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Nervo Winery
2. Historic name: Nervo Winery
3. Street or rural address: 19585 South Geyserville Road
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 140-050-10
5. Present Owner: Geyser Peak Winery Address: P. O. Box 25
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial Winery

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Stone Winery
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This rectangular stone winery is two stories in height and the hip roof is topped by a large ventilator which also has windows. The cornice is closed and the ends have tie rods between the stories. Windows are rectangular double hungs but set in frames with stone arches over them. Some have been boarded over. In each end is an arched second story door. There is a rear addition with its walls and shed roof made of corrugated metal.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1908
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 7.27
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Corrugated metal sheds at W (front) side
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: 1933 tasting room (detached)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
The stone Frank Nervo Winery has been a visual landmark for over 130 years. In 1896 Frank Nervo purchased the Monaco and Adriassi Winery operated by two Swiss bachelors. They had constructed a wooden winery dug in the nearby hills for their operation. Nervo named his winery "Venezia" for his native city. Increase in operations resulted in the building of the present stone winery in 1908. Having built along the NWP railroad line, the winery shipped to various points in the U.S. and Japan. Nervo was the only small winery that made fortified wines such as Sherry, Port, Angelica, Muscatul; always with a government official overseeing the production. During prohibition, wine operations ceased with 250,000 gallons of wine in storage. Instead, the family shipped by rail, grapes to San Francisco, Oakland, New York, and Chicago, becoming known as "Nervo, California" to railroad personnel. In 1937, upon the death of their father, the Nervo sons changed the name to "Nervo Winery," and carried on the operations until 1966 when State Freeway virtually cut ranch in half. Henry Trione and Sons are the present owners under the name Geysert Peak Winery.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

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