

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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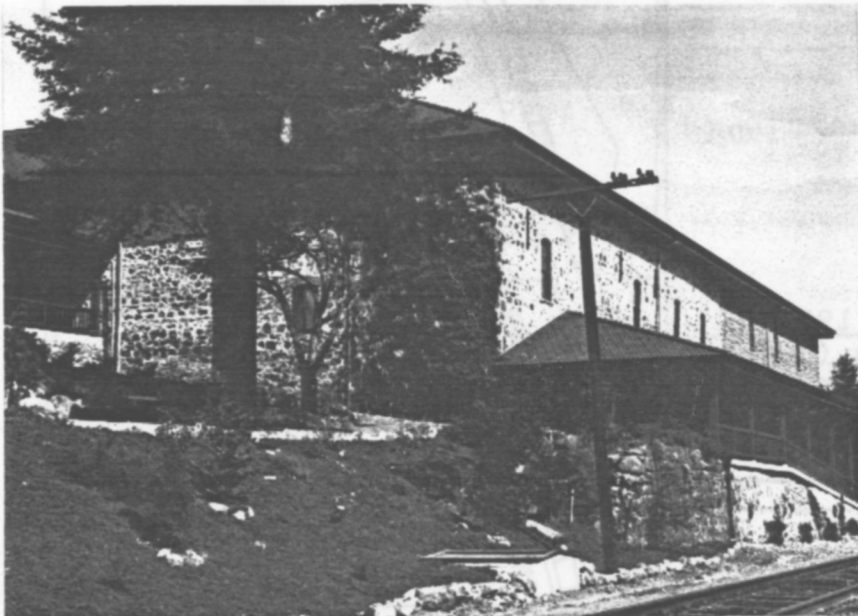
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Simi Winery
2. Historic name: Simi Winery
3. Street or rural address: 16275 Healdsburg Avenue
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-010-22
Scottish & Newcastle Vintners Ltd.
5. Present Owner: % Simi Winery Inc. Address: P.O. Box 698
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: 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 long, rectangular building was constructed of hand-hewn basalt and though appears to be more than one story, is not. The present hip roof replaces an earlier tin roof which was much higher. The structure has a plain, boxed cornice and no frieze. Rectangular, double-hung windows are framed by bricks laid to form an arched opening in the southern portion of the building. The windows of the northern section are similiar but do not have brick frames. They are also set higher than the southern windows. All across the front is a hip-roofed lading platform with thick square pillars and a post and rail balustrade. It is this platform which gives the illusion of a two-story building.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1904
9. Architect P. Moroni of
Santa Rosa
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 7.74
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: Exterior restored, remodelled interior, third floor loft developed, addition in rear
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings Densely built-up _____
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Having the distinction of being one of the first Italian immigrants to reach this area, G. Simi, a native of Tuscany, Italy, born in 1825, established what became the largest family-operated winery in Northern Sonoma County. In 1868, Simi came to Healdsburg and engaged in buying grapes from the fledgling vineyardists and shipping them to San Francisco, and there making them into wine. The first location of G. and P. Simi's winery was Front and Hudson Streets (see 002-291-21-9), built in 1881 at the site of the earlier Chambaud Winery. In 1883 the Simi brothers purchased this land (126 acres) north of Healdsburg, and in 1904 built the large stone winery buildings, contracting P. Moroni of Santa Rosa, who copied pictures of winery buildings from Simi's native Tuscany, and soon after a cooperage was built. The old site was turned into a distillery. Simi Winery was eventually inherited by Isabel Simi Haigh, the original site sold, and in recent years the large winery itself sold. Simi winery still operates under the family name, however.

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

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