



Biography, Boz Scaggs



Boz Scaggs, Proprietor and Vineyard Manager

Boz Scaggs is renowned among his fans and fellow musicians as one of America's preeminent R&B artists. Now he's earning respect in a different but not disconnected field as a producer of elegant, multi-layered French-style red and rosé wines.

On his Napa property, where the vineyard and the orchards are certified organic, Boz is hands-on in vineyard management and works closely with his winemaker in crafting a small, highly select production of estate wines: just 350 cases yearly of a Rhône-style red blend (grenache, mourvedre, syrah and counoise) and 100 cases of a grenache rosé.

A singer, songwriter and guitarist, had several records and a solid fan base behind him when his 1975 album **Silk Degrees** became one of the landmark pop records of the decade. Subsequent releases ushered in more hits and years of touring. It was on Scaggs' return from one summer tour, not long after he and his wife had purchased their Napa property and planted their first grapes ("without a lot of forethought") that he felt a pull in a new direction. "It was near midnight when I pulled down the drive, the moon close to full and the night unusually warm," he writes. "I got out of the car midway down to stretch and just register being home again, and in the moonlight I saw those fledgling vines I'd forgotten were even there. More to the point, I felt those vines. Their energy was palpable, seductive, and lasting. There's the weight—real and symbolic-- of a cool cluster of grapes in hand as the sun is just clearing the horizon on the morning of harvest, or knowing as you taste your wine—knowing with all your senses and then some—that this is unmistakably the taste of your place."



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the San Francisco live music club, *Slim's*, and co-owner of *The Great*
Anchor of the Bay Area live music scene. He continues to record and tour,
kes of September Rhythm Revue where he shares the stage with Donald
McDonald, formerly of *The Doobie Brothers*.