

## KATHRYN WALT HALL VINTNER, HALL WINES

Kathryn Walt Hall, along with husband Craig Hall, is the vintner of HALL Wines and has been involved in the California wine industry since her family first purchased a vineyard thirty years ago. She has forged a distinguished career as a successful businesswoman, community activist, and United States Ambassador to Austria. She is the mother of four children.

Kathryn Hall and her family have been grape growers in Mendocino County since 1972. The Walt family owns 63 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc in the Redwood Valley. Kathryn managed the family vineyard from 1982 to 1992. During this time, she produced Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon under the label Walt Vineyards. Throughout Kathryn's career, she maintained a strong emotional attachment to vineyards, wine and the wine country.



"I have always known that someday I would return to the business of grape growing and winemaking. Wine in all its wonderful aspects has been a part of the great celebrations in my family as long as I can remember. Now, I have a chance to share that joy through my work and help create exceptional wine experiences for our guests. Wine is about special moments. It is a celebration of the senses and a celebration of the moment. We strive to create the best wine we possibly can – truly memorable, truly extraordinary. We want people to celebrate with our wines."

Kathryn began her public career as assistant city attorney in Berkeley, California. Later she joined Safeway Stores, where she was responsible for developing and administering one of the nation's first and largest affirmative action programs. Subsequently she worked as an attorney and businesswoman in Dallas, Texas, where she was president of an inner city development company and partner of Hall Financial Group, Inc.

Long committed to social issues, Kathryn has served on numerous non-profit and institutional boards, addressing issues related to social care and mental health. She co-founded the North Texas Food Bank, served on the U.S. House of Representatives Hunger Advisory Committee, and was the director/vice president of the Texas Mental Health Association. Kathryn has served on the National Advisory Council for Violence Against Women and as a trustee of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

From 1997 to July 2001, Kathryn served as the United States Ambassador to Austria. During her term as Ambassador, she worked hard to promote American wine in Austria and Europe. Kathryn earned an A.B. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, a J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of Law and earned an MBA in February 2008 from University of California, Berkeley – Columbia University.

Dedicated to producing premier Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Kathryn and Craig purchased the legendary Sacrashe vineyard in the hills of Rutherford in 1995. Since then, HALL has cultivated five vineyards across Napa Valley, employing organic, small vine viticulture techniques. HALL produces seventeen hand-crafted wines to include their signature HALL "Kathryn Hall" Cabernet Sauvignon. HALL has two wineries, HALL Rutherford and HALL St. Helena where Craig and Kathryn showcase modern art from their extensive collection. HALL St. Helena will become a work of art in its own right with the completion of a LEED® Certified winery complex. For more information, please consult [www.hallwines.com](http://www.hallwines.com).