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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: California | |
| COUNTY: Napa | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| | FEB 23 1972 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Beringer Bros. Inc.

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Rhine House (preferred)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2000 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Helena

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| STATE California | CODE 06 | COUNTY: Napa | CODE 055 |
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3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Wine tasting room |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Beringer Bros. Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
2000 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Helena

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Napa County Recorder's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Napa

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
County Engineering Department

DATE OF SURVEY: **6/26/70** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Office of County Engineering

STREET AND NUMBER:
1436 Polk Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Napa

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

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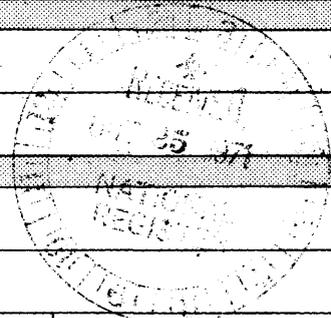
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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| (Check One) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| (Check One) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Present and original appearance
 Constructed of white oak imported from Germany and stone,
 hand cut from Napa County quarry.
 Leaded windows and marble imported from Germany.
 Original hand carved moldings.
 Pennsylvania slate roof.
 Approximately 45' x 60'
 Ceilings 12' high.
 2½ stories high.

Overall style of Rhine House is late German Gothic in that the lower storey is masonry and the upper storey is half timber. The masonry is rusticated ashlar in the Italian Renaissance style. The half timber detailing shows an Italian Renaissance influence in the second floor entry window. The steep independent roof marking the entry is more of a French Renaissance influence. An eclectic style of the mid 19th Century.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **completed 1883**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Exact replica of the Frederick Beringer home on the Rhine in Mainz, Germany.
 Completed in 1883.
 All material except local quarry stone imported from Germany.

"Beringer Brothers winery dates from a modest migration of Germans into the Napa Valley in the mid-nineteenth century. The Beringer family is one of the few that has endured to the present . . ." Continuing a European family tradition of viticulture and wine making that has been a conspicuous influence in the Napa Valley; a great center in California's wine production. The home was the heart of the Beringer family enterprise. "The second and third generation Beringers presently direct operations. The fourth and fifth are coming up."

Beringer Brothers is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the vicinity. "Tours begin and end at the Rhine House, originally built by Frederick Beringer as a replica of the Rhenish home he and his brother Jacob left when they came to the United States. These days it serves solely as a visitor center and tasting room, and subject for photographs.

"Up hill from the stone and half-timbered house, about dead level with its slate roof, Beringer's aging cellars are the celebrated 1,000 feet of tunnels. The founding brothers employed Chinese laborers to dig them, starting the winery's inaugural year of 1876."

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

St. Helena Star
Mr. Otto Beringer
Historic Spots in California - Rensch and Hoover
California Wine Country - Lane Books, Menlo Park, California 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-----------|---------|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
| NW | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
| NE | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | 38° | 30' | 37" |
| SE | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | 122° | 28' | 42" |
| SW | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | | | |

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 Acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John A. Silvestri - Engineering Services Assistant

ORGANIZATION: County of Napa DATE: July 7, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 1436 Polk Street

CITY OR TOWN: Napa STATE: California CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name [Signature]

Title State Liaison Officer

Date October 16, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 23 1972

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date January 3, 1972