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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	California
COUNTY:	Napa
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ENTRY DATE	NOV 8 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Charles, Krug, Winery

AND/OR HISTORIC: Charles Krug Winery

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~Krug Ranch~~, St. Helena Highway

CITY OR TOWN: St. Helena CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Napa CODE: 28

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
	Public Acquisition:		<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		

PRESENT USE: (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: C. Mondavi and Sons

STREET AND NUMBER: St. Helena Highway

CITY OR TOWN: St. Helena STATE: California CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Napa County Recorders Office, Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Napa STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: California State Historical Landmark #563

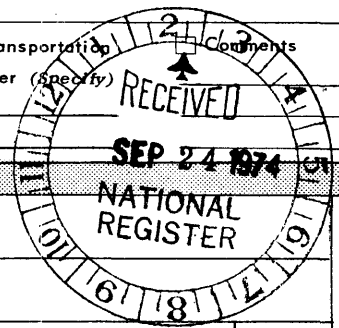
DATE OF SURVEY: Oct. 8, 1956  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: California State Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 9th Street,

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(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)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The proposed site incorporates the two main buildings built and used by Krug in his pioneer winemaking efforts, and the grounds immediately surrounding the buildings.

WINERY BUILDING

The existing winery, built in 1874, is approximately 150' X 130'. The exterior of the building has not been substantially altered since it was constructed.

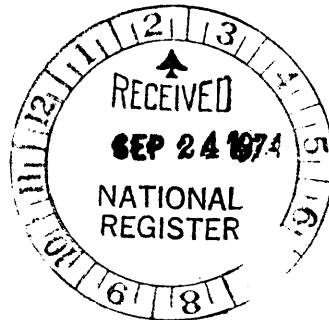
STABLE BUILDING

The stable was built in 1881, and measures approximately 80' X 80'. The exterior of the building has not been substantially altered since it was constructed.

*WV* Charles Krug Winery: a stone two-story structure that has been plastered except for the arched windows and doors and the rusticated wall angles. The building has a corrugated metal roof with three large dormers on the north and south side, that are angled at the face. The roof is topped with a wood octagonal cupola with a steep roof and a weather vane.

*WV* Oak House or Stable Building: This building is an extremely interesting and unusual structure. The first two floors are similar to the winery in that they are also stone plastered except at the arched doors, windows and rusticated wall angles. The keystone detailing is refined and well proportioned. The fascia on the overhang on the second floor has a curved molding setting on tooth like wooden cubes. This structure is topped with a very unusual third level for ventilation. This level is constructed of wood with a double arched roof. The overhang is detailed with a line of wooden hemispheres with larger wooden spheres at the top of the arch on each face. The ventilating louvers on this floor have wooden arched frames with wood keystones and have wooden moldings that extend from the keystone to a wooden acorn at the base of each arch.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input checked="" 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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input checked="" 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

The Charles Krug Winery and its surrounding vineyards are living reminders of a man and his accomplishments which form an integral part of the cultural and commercial heritage of California. A plaque designating the Krug facility as a California Historical Landmark states;

"Charles Krug Winery. Founded in 1861 by Charles Krug (1825-1892). This is the oldest operating winery in Napa Valley. The pioneer winemaker of this world famous region, Krug made the first commercial wine in Napa County in 1858 at Napa."

As the approved application for State Historic Landmark status states, the Charles Krug winery is the oldest operating winery in the Napa Valley. The original building, a part of which is included in the present structure, was built in 1861.

"The winery itself is a landmark of the earliest days of wine making in Napa Valley, but its greatest historical significance lies in the unique place occupied by Charles Krug in the viticulture and viniculture of California as a whole, and of Napa Valley in particular.

Charles Krug was born in Trendleburg, near Cassel, Germany, March 1, 1825. He came to California via the Isthmus route, arriving in San Francisco June 14, 1852 to take a position with "Staats Zeitung", the first German language newspaper on the Pacific Coast.

In 1854 Krug went to Crystal Springs, San Mateo County, California, and located on a Government claim near where Col. A. Haraszthy owned a farm. In 1856 he was clerk in the refining department of United States Mint, San Francisco; and in January 1858 went to Sonoma where he bought land from Col. Haraszthy and planted 20 acres to vines.

Later in 1858, Krug was commissioned by John Patchett to make wine on the Patchett Place then adjoining Napa City. Using a small cider press, he made about 1200 gallons of wine from Napa Valley grapes, the first wine ever made in Napa County by other than Spaniards using Spanish processes. To quote the History of Napa and Lake Counties--"Hence to Mr. Charles Krug belongs the honor of making the first wine in Napa County and of being the pioneer of an industry that was subsequently to be of all-absorbing interest over the entire country."

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Hoover, Mildred et.al. Historic Spots in California, 3rd Ed. Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA (1966)
- 2) History of Napa and Lake Counties, California Slocum, Bowen & Co., San Francisco, CA 1881 (Copies at St. Helena Public Library)
- 3) California State Viticultural Society Records
- 4) St. Helena Viticultural Society Records
- 5) Parker, California Historical Landmarks

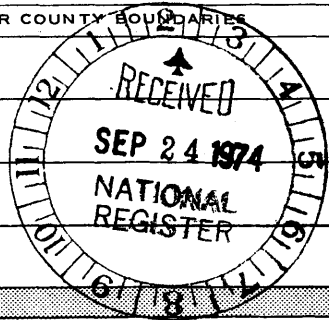
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38°	31'	04"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		122°	28'	48"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**R.O. Mercer, A.M. Sherburne, E.J. & B.A. Carroll**

ORGANIZATION: **Private Citizens**      DATE: **6-19-74**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2713 El Segundo Drive.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Rancho Cordova**      STATE: **California**      CODE: **06**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 Historic Preservation Officer

Date: August 26, 1974

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

[Signature]  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/8/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11-8-74

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8) On December 26, 1860, Charles Krug married Caroline Bale, daughter of E.T. Bale the grantee of Cayne Humana Rancho consisting of all of Napa Valley lying north of Caymus Rancho (Yount's grant). Krug Ranch, the vineyards and buildings are located on what was then a part of Cayne Humana Rancho; and it was at Krug (the R.R. station name) that Charles Krug built his winery in 1861 and made the first wine under his own name. His vineyard was the second to be planted in the St. Helena district, Dr. G.B. Crane having planted the first two years earlier.

While the original cellar was partly destroyed by fire in 1874, a substantial section of the south side wall was incorporated in the present winery which Krug built after the fire, and this is on exhibit today. The historic oaks planted by Krug are the pride of Napa Valley; his huge stable, (now an aging cellar); the original cider press and other memorabilia are open to public inspection.

The name of Charles Krug is probably the most famous in the annals of California wine except for that of Agoston Haraszthy; and as has been previously noted, Haraszthy and Krug were closely associated. Their names are to wine what John A. Sutter's is to gold.

When the California State Viticultural Society was founded in 1880, Charles Krug was the Commissioner for the Napa District, and Treasurer of the Society. He was President of the Viticultural Association of St. Helena, a delegate to the State Convention which adopted the new Constitution and held many other important offices.

After Krug's death the ranch, vineyards and buildings came into the hands of the late James K. Moffitt, an outstanding Californian and a close friend of the Krug family. The property was acquired in 1943 by the present owners, C. Mondavi & Sons. Their wines are labeled "Charles Krug" and the traditions of the past are rigorously maintained. The winery is open to the public daily, Sundays included. Competent guides explain the wines and their history. Many thousands of visitors come to this historic spot each year."

