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Napa's Newest Dream Team Assembles to Launch Annulus

Family winery Annulus brings in top industry talent to showcase titans of Cabernet.

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Annulus is officially available to the public today, September 18th. Photo by Suzanne Becker Bronk

Annulus is a family wine venture from proprietors Luke Evnin and Deann Wright, longtime Napa Valley residents who have their deep roots in the healthcare industry. The brand focuses on Cabernet Sauvignon, crafted from two of Napa Valley's most prized vineyards: *Beckstoffer Las Piedras* and *Vine Hill Ranch*. If you know much about those two sources, you know not just anyone has access

to the fruit from these coveted sites. Along with their two daughters Alexandra and Elena, Luke and Deann partnered with renowned master blender Michel Rolland and sought-after consultant winemaker Nigel Kinsman. The dream team has been assembled, and the fruits of their labor will dazzle your palate.



The Annulus Team: Nigel Kinsman, Deann Wright, Michel Rolland, Luke Evnin, Elena Evnin, Alexandra Evnin

Annulus—derived from the Latin term for "ring"—refers to the wine-growing cycle that extends from dormancy to bud break, from veraison to harvest. It is inspired by the circle of family and friends with whom Evnin and Wright gather to share and appreciate wine, and honors exceptional, historic, family-owned Napa Valley vineyards.

By intention, Annulus is a family-run wine label with extremely limited production. Evnin and Wright are building the business alongside their daughters who continue to explore their love of wine through industry experiences. Alexandra Evnin has immersed herself in many aspects of the wine business, working harvest at Seavey Vineyard in Napa and Hirsch Vineyards on the Sonoma Coast.

She has also spent time on the sales-side of the business at Flatiron Wine and Spirits in Manhattan. Her sister, Elena Evnin has guided the visual aspects of the brand and wine label. The beautiful Annulus logo derives inspiration from a striking public sculpture by Andrea Roggi in Florence, where Elena had the pleasure to study.



Courtesy of Annulus
Annulus crafts its wines and hosts guests at the beautiful, green-certified Wheeler Farms tasting.

This tasting experience is \$150 per person and includes Annulus' three Cabernets with artisan cheese pairings. For more information and to book your tasting experience, please visit annuluscellars.com/tastings.

Starting today the 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet (SRP: \$175), 2021 Beckstoffer Las Piedras Cabernet (SRP: \$250), and 2021 Vine Hill Ranch Cabernet (SRP: \$250) are available in 3 packs (750mL) or Magnum format.