



SIX SIGMA RANCH®

HIKING & BIKING AT SIX SIGMA RANCH

TOUR # 0

RUSTICI DRIVE

Driveway from Tasting Room to Front Gate

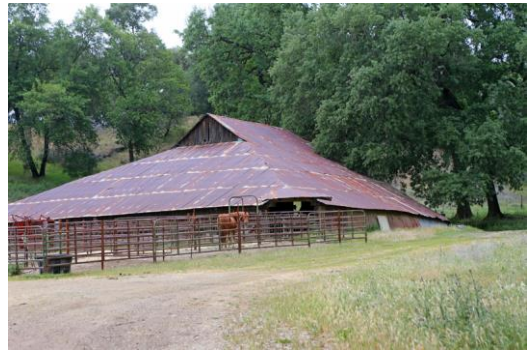
Did you know?

- Rustici Drive was named after Russell Rustici, the cattle rancher who sold us the ranch in the year 2000.
- Part of the road most likely dates back to the Asbill family, the first settlers at the ranch in the 1860s. At some point it was part of a stagecoach route going out to the mines in Knoxville.
- The first part of the road is fairly level, but it gets a bit hillier as you approach the front gate.
- The trail is about 2.0 mile long.

Long pants and boots or closed-toe shoes are recommended.



1. After crossing the cattle guard where Rustici Drive meets the private Oak Street, simply follow the road.



2. The barn on the north (right) side of the road was built by Norval Brookins who gathered almost the entire ranch between 1926 and 1963.



3. The winery is on the north side of the road. We built the first part of it in 2005, and it was ready just in time for crushing our first vintage of Tempranillo



4. Across from the winery is the future site of a hospitality center, with a 5,000 sqft storage cellar underneath. The antique plough in the front was a gift from the Lockman family. It originates from the Copsey family who settled on a part of the ranch by Spruce Grove Road.



5. Right after the winery you see a bowl-shaped hillside that was used as a grandstand for rodeos and air-shows in the mid-1960s



6. Six Sigma pork is raised in the oak land north of Rustici Drive.



7. Before Norval Brookins relocated the Asbill Creek in the 1950s, it was sprawling all over the valley, all the way to this lonely valley oak growing on the south side of Rustici Drive.



8. The valley oaks by the rock wall are some of the biggest at the ranch. The Creek Trail ends by this wall, and the Winery Trail ends just on the other side of the wall.



9. Asbill Creek starts in the hills around Michael's Vineyard, then runs under this wooden bridge and continues on the south side of the valley.



10. The cattle guard keeps cattle out of Michael's Vineyard.



11. Bird boxes in the vineyard attract predators to help us keep the population of ground squirrels down.



12. A stand of blue oaks leads up to the front gate.



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