



We partnered with Dave’s mom, Melinda Japs (Turchi) and his uncle Tony Turchi, releasing the first vintage in 2004 with Syrah. Growing up in an Italian household fostered an appreciation for food and wine at a young age. The children were often found helping their grandfather, Cesare “Papa” Fornara in his prized garden or preparing a feast for a family picnic.

On December 19th 1913, Cesare and Inez Fornara arrived in New York from Pisano, Italy aboard a ship called “The America”. They moved from New York to Chicago where he was a chef on a passenger railroad train. His travels often took him to Los Angeles where he eventually moved his family in the 1930’s and opened the Italian Village Café.

*Malbec, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon* Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard

