State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Simi Winery
2. Historic name: Simi Winery
3. Street or rural address: 16275 Healdsburg Avenue
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-010-22
5. Present Owner: Scottish & Newcastle Vintners Ltd.
   Address: P.O. Box 698
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Winery

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Stone Winery
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This long, rectangular building was constructed of hand-hewn basalt and though appears to be more than one story, is not. The present hip roof replaces an earlier tin roof which was much higher. The structure has a plain, boxed cornice and no frieze. Rectangular, double-hung windows are framed by bricks laid to form an arched opening in the southern portion of the building. The windows of the northern section are similar but do not have brick frames. They are also set higher than the southern windows. All across the front is a hip-roofed lading platform with thick square pillars and a post and rail balustrade. It is this platform which gives the illusion of a two-story building.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ______ Factual 1904
9. Architect P. Moroni of Santa Rosa
10. Builder
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage ______ Depth ______
   or approx. acreage 7.74
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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Having the distinction of being one of the first Italian immigrants to reach this area, G. Simi, a native of Tuscany, Italy, born in 1825, established what became the largest family-operated winery in Northern Sonoma County. In 1868, Simi came to Healdsburg and engaged in buying grapes from the fledgling vineyardists and shipping them to San Francisco, and there making them into wine. The first location of G. and P. Simi's winery was Front and Hudson Streets (see 002-291-21-9), built in 1881 at the site of the earlier Chambaud Winery. In 1883 the Simi brothers purchased this land (126 acres) north of Healdsburg, and in 1904 built the large stone winery buildings, contracting P. Moroni of Santa Rosa, who copied pictures of winery buildings from Simi's native Tuscany, and soon after a cooperage was built. The old site was turned into a distillery. Simi Winery was eventually inherited by Isabel Simi Haigh, the original site sold, and in recent years the large winery itself sold. Simi winery still operates under the family name, however.