



Bruce Cohn

Founder and Proprietor

B.R. Cohn Winery

Bruce Cohn brings 35 years of wine country wisdom to his role as proprietor of his Olive Hill Estate vineyards, which he established in 1974 and proprietor of B.R. Cohn Winery, founded in 1984 in the heart of Sonoma Valley. Growing up on his family's Sonoma County dairy farm, Cohn acquired a keen appreciation for agriculture and hard work, setting the stage for what is regarded today as one of California's most successful family owned and operated wineries. A strong work ethic and passion for food and wine provided Cohn with the fundamental tools that now place him at the forefront of the wine industry.

As proprietor of B.R. Cohn Winery, Cohn is actively involved in the winery, overseeing daily operations and every aspect of the property from winery production to the tasting room to the annual Charity Fall Music Festival. The 90-acre, family-operated winery hosts annual musical concerts and special events throughout the year, donating a majority of the proceeds to local charities. For Cohn, the concerts and events at the winery create a perfect union -- he's also been the manager of The Doobie Brothers band since 1970. His dual careers have enabled him to pursue his two great passions, wine and music. Each year, Cohn invites The Doobie Brothers to perform before thousands of fans. Working successfully together as always, Cohn and The Doobie Brothers raise money and public awareness for the National Veterans Foundation and for local children's charities.

Over the years, the B.R. Cohn standard of excellence expanded into additional estate family business ventures. In 1990, after discovering the full potential of the estate's unique, French imports -- 140-year-old Picholine olive trees -- Cohn established B.R. Cohn Olive Oil Company. Cohn's most recent endeavor, a line of gourmet culinary items, adds to the increasingly successful family operation. Today, B.R. Cohn Estate is known as a premier artisan producer of world-class, award-winning wines, extra virgin olive oils, premium hand crafted vinegars and gourmet food products.

Prior to founding his highly acclaimed B.R. Cohn Winery and Olive Oil Company, Cohn spent years living on the road overseeing The Doobie Brothers' rise to fame. Seeking respite from the toils of touring, Cohn purchased the Sonoma Valley estate property in 1974. After wines made with his grapes won several notable awards Cohn realized his grapes were the finest Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in the region and switched from selling them to other wineries to producing wine under his own label in 1984. With the help of esteemed winemakers Helen Turley and Merry Edwards, B.R. Cohn wines began gaining momentum and critical acclaim throughout the 1980s and the 1990s. Current winemaker Tom Montgomery has successfully catapulted them into a league of their own, crafting exceptionally balanced and complex wines through all the varietals.

Cohn continues to guide the career of the The Doobie Brothers, keeping him busy and keeping his musical passion alive. His devotion to The Doobie Brothers is evident. Stepping into B.R. Cohn's tasting room, visitors are greeted by The Doobie Brothers memorabilia lining the walls. The multi-platinum band has even made their way onto a B.R. Cohn wine label, the Doobie Red Series, with proceeds benefiting the National Veterans Foundation.

For Bruce Cohn, life has been a charmed circle. He currently resides with his family on the winery his property's Olive Hill Estate, not many miles from the places he roamed as a child between chores on his family's grade-A goat dairy farm in Sonoma's Russian River Valley.