



# IRON HUB™

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## **Award-Winning Winemaker Unveils New Wines**

Winemaker Tom Jones Launches a New Wine Brand with Iron Hub Winery

**Plymouth, Calif. – (February 24, 2016)** – Winemaker Thomas (Tom) Jones recently launched his new winery called Iron Hub that reflects a new chapter in his 30-year career as an award-winning winemaker. Nestled on a hilltop with one of the prettiest view in Shenandoah Valley, Iron Hub Winery was previously the Amador Foothill Winery site from 1980 through 2015.

Jones has received wide acclaim over the past few decades as a winemaker known for a bold and elegant style in his wines. After earning a Master of Science degree in Enology & Viticulture at The University of California, Davis in the 1980s, Tom was the long-time winemaker for his family's winery, Lava Cap Winery, in Placerville, California.

In 2014, Tom moved to Amador wine country and employs a handcrafted vineyard-to-bottle winemaking approach. This results in balanced and complex wines that showcase the distinctive characteristics of the Amador vineyards. Barbera, Sangiovese, and old vine Zinfandels top the list of Tom's newly released wines.

The name Iron Hub reflects Tom's tradition of desert sojourns to rejuvenate each year. On one such journey he discovered an antique iron hub from a wagon wheel, half buried in the mountains of Northern Nevada. The Iron Hub name also reflects a welcoming place to gather with family and friends, a place that you will enjoy often.

Learn more about Iron Hub Winery by visiting the tasting room Friday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taste wines, stroll the vineyards, enjoy a picnic with the perfect view, and chat with the owners. Starting in the summer of 2016, you can also view the construction progress of a new entrance and tasting room.

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**Wine Seminar with Rick Kushman at Iron Hub Winery on Saturday, March 5, 2016**

Experience something new at Iron Hub Winery during Amador's Behind the Cellar Door event, Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6, 2016. Taste new wines from winemaker Tom Jones. Also offering award-winning Amador Foothill wines. Enjoy smoked Gouda quesadillas and drunken Zinfandel pasta perfectly paired with the wines.

Rick Kushman, Capital Public Radio wine commentator and New York Times bestselling author will host two 45 minute seminars entitled "Kushman on the Barrel" at 11:30 am and 1 pm on Saturday. Rick will entertain you with wine, conversation, humor and knowledge. All day Sunday, compare and contrast the flavor of wine aged in different oak barrels.

Behind the Cellar Door features a cornucopia of themed tastings, seminars and demonstrations guaranteed to enhance your knowledge and appreciation of fine wine at 45 Amador wineries! Tickets \$50 per person for the weekend (Saturday & Sunday); or \$40 Sunday only; \$10 for designated drivers (aged 18+, no wine or wineglass). For event details, visit [AmadorWine.com](http://AmadorWine.com).

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**About Iron Hub Winery**

Nestled in the heart of Amador County's Shenandoah Valley wine region of the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills, Iron Hub Winery produces elegant handcrafted white and red wines.

Owned and operated by a husband and wife team, Tom and Beth Jones, Iron Hub's wines are crafted to reveal silky tannins and a fruit forward balance. Tom enjoys overseeing every aspect of the winemaking process from the grapes to the glass.

Raised in Northern California Tom graduated from University of California, Davis in the 1980s with a BS, Geology, and a Master of Science degree in Enology & Viticulture. Tom was the founding winemaker for his family's winery, Lava Cap Winery, in Placerville, California. He developed Lava Cap's brand of wines from its beginning in 1980s to 2013.

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Iron Hub Winery is located in Plymouth, California, one hour from Sacramento, two hours from the San Francisco Bay Area and one and a half hours from the Reno / Carson City, Nevada area. The tasting room is open Friday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taste both white and red wines, stroll the vineyards, and enjoy a picnic with the perfect view.

Learn more about our wines, view our News & Events, and join our Inner Circle Wine Club at [IronHubWines.com](http://IronHubWines.com).

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