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Bjelland firm began in '68

Bjelland Vineyards was established in March, 1968, with an initial planting of Johannisberg Riesling and Chardonnay.

In 1969 Gewurtztraminer, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay Beaujolais, and Pinot Blanc were planted.

Bjelland's wines are aged in small oak casks and are removed from the oak at the proper time to assure award quality. The wines are available at fine restaurants, wine shops, and grocery stores, besides at the winery.

At the first and only State Fair wine judging the Cabernet Sauvignon and Wild Blackberry won first and second places respectively.

A newly constructed winery with a 20,000 gallon wine capacity is now completed. Free samples and sales hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. During June, July, and August the hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sometimes the winery is closed on Tuesday. Call 679-6950 or 679-5288 for information.

Located near Tenmile, off Highway 42 on Reston Road, the vineyards face the famous Bjelland Rock which is sketched on the wine label.

The sales room contains a complete line of home wine and beer making supplies and offers free advice.

Paul and Mary Bjelland invite their customers to enjoy a picnic in the area.



The Bjelland winery tasting room