



Vineyard Workers, Fulgencio Gonsales, Jesus Gomez, Gerardo Calderon with Dr. Jan Krupp. Photos by Ashley Teplin

### **The Doctor is in...the Vineyard Jan Krupp Tends Workers and Grapes at Stagecoach Vineyard**

In a country where much of the population can't afford to fill a prescription, much less visit the doctor, the 100-plus men tending the vines in Krupp Brothers' Stagecoach Vineyard have the assurance that the doctor is only a vineyard row away.

For the last 25 years, former internist Jan Krupp has garnered acclaim from critics and aficionados for carving a vineyard out of wilderness and rock and, more importantly, for crafting extraordinary mountain wines from a supposedly unplantable frontier. But in the vineyard, he's not just the man who jumps in to work alongside his vineyard crew, he's also the man who treats their hypertension, poison oak, rattlesnake bites, sprains, cuts, bronchitis, asthma, urine and prostate infections.

During harvest, vineyard workers sometimes call on Krupp to suture hand, arm, and facial lacerations, stating first that if he cannot fix it, the wound will remain untreated. Knowing the scarring that could result, Krupp volunteers to sew. "We also administer tetanus shots at that time," he says.

When he bought his first 41 acres on Atlas Peak in 1991, Krupp thought he was leaving his days of practicing medicine behind, but as the property has grown, so have the needs of the men in his fields and on the road. Considering his 1108-acre property (the largest contiguous Napa Valley vineyard) is one of the most remote and inaccessible in the area, Krupp's medical expertise is invaluable.

Today, Krupp says most emergencies he responds to occur outside the vineyard. While traveling to sell wine in the last 18 months, Krupp has been the doctor aboard the airplane to respond to emergencies three times. At home, he spends more time maintaining rather than treating his crews' cumulative health. To this end, Krupp assigned the winery's viticulturalist to act as safety director. Together they have instituted a first rate safety program, which includes regular classes conducted by outside experts.

**After being the first responder Krupp refers his men to quality physicians and local care centers like Napa's Queen of the Valley Hospital**

**Note: Dr. Jan Krupp has farmed Stagecoach Vineyard since 1991 from which he makes Krupp Brothers wines with Nigel Kinsman and Aaron Pott. His labels include: Veraison, Black Bart. Krupp Brothers, The Doctor, and The Bride.**



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