

Friends of Alma Rosa,

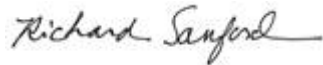
Thank you for responding to the historical question about the original Rancho Santa Rosa land grant. You may know that since all our certified organic estate vineyards are on the original land grant, Thekla and I consider that our wines are a reflection of the soul (Alma) of the Rancho. That is the origin of the name "Alma Rosa Winery & Vineyards."

From the Spanish discovery of California until the eve of the Yankee arrival, California was governed by Royal Presidios protecting Mission lands.

Secularization of the Missions occurred in 1834 under Mexican rule and the land became available to ex-presidio soldiers. Ex-Corporal Francisco Cota from Santa Barbara Presidio, petitioned for the 15,526 acre Rancho Santa Rosa land grant in 1834. Once determining that Mr. Cota was fit to own land in California and clearing title from Mission lands, the Governor of California Juan Bautista Alvarado granted the land in 1839. Land patents had to be defended after Yankee domination and on April 30, 1872 heirs of Francisco Cota received the United States Government Patent for the Rancho from President Ulysses S. Grant

Thanks for your enjoyment of Alma Rosa Wines. Please come for a visit when next in the neighborhood.

Best wishes,



Richard Sanford

The logo for Alma Rosa Winery & Vineyards features the words "alma" and "rosa" in a dark red, cursive script. "alma" is positioned above "rosa", and the two words are slightly offset to the left.

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