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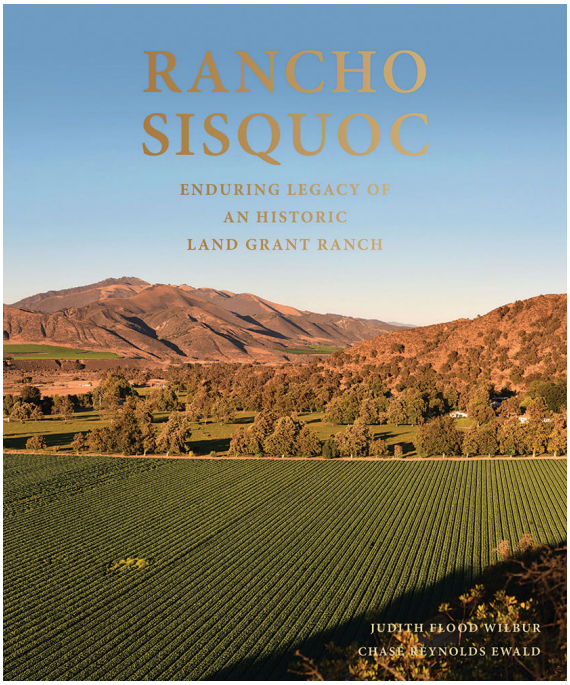

Rancho Sisquoc

Enduring Legacy of an Historic Land Grant Ranch

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- ***Rancho Sisquoc: Enduring Legacy of an Historic Land Grant Ranch*** is a richly illustrated and engagingly written portrait of one of the last intact Mexican land grant ranches; granted in 1845—One of only remaining intact land grant ranches in the U.S
- Today Rancho Sisquoc is a cattle ranch and winery operating on one of the largest private real estate holdings in Santa Barbara County
- One of largest private properties in Santa Barbara County at 37,000 acres, and one of first wine growing properties in Santa Barbara County
- The ranch's 50th anniversary as a Winery is in 2022
- Under one family's ownership for 70 years; 70th anniversary in 2022

Rancho Sisquoc: Enduring Legacy of an Historic Land Grant Ranch celebrates the spectacular landscape, fascinating history, colorful characters, and timeless traditions of one of California's last intact Mexican land grant ranches. The ranch's approximately 37,000 acres extend from the edge of the Los Padres National Forest to the lush vineyards on the mesas to fertile farmland in the bottomland, and range almost the entire length of the Sisquoc River valley in northern Santa Barbara County. Engaging text, maps, and archival documents are paired with vintage and contemporary photographs to bring the landscape and its history to life, from prehistory to the days of the vaqueros, from turn-of-the-century homesteading to the realities of a contemporary cattle ranch, farming operation, vineyard and winery with a passionate wine club membership of 1,500.

Forewords by former Governor Edmund Gerald Brown, Jr., a California history enthusiast; Stephen T. Hearst, whose interest in preservation extends to his oversight of the vast ranch lands surrounding Hearst Castle; and Eric Hvolboll, a rancher and longtime friend of the Flood family whose ancestors came from Mexico to Santa Barbara County in the 1700s, add depth and perspective to the narrative. An introduction by co-owner Judith Flood Wilbur and preface by author Elizabeth Clair Flood speak to the role the ranch has played in the lives of one family for seven decades, and their hopes for preserving it for future generations. ***Rancho Sisquoc: Enduring Legacy of an Historic Land Grant Ranch*** will give readers a sense of this special place and its unique role in California history.

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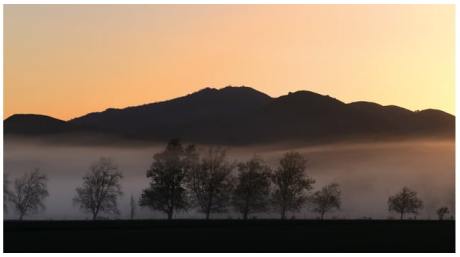

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