

# Exhibit F-1

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**Subject:      Engineering Geological Evaluation**  
**Laird Family Vineyards - Jamison Vineyard**  
**APN 057-140-016, 015, 014, 013, and 002**  
**200 Kirkland Ranch Road**  
**American Canyon, California**

Dear Mr. Aspegren:

We are pleased to present the results of our engineering geological evaluation of the proposed Jamison Vineyard Blocks 15 through 23 which lie on the gently sloping northern valley flanks of the Jamison Canyon. The proposed new vineyard development will encompass 99.2 acres, gross. The site is presently used for cattle grazing and is accessed via Kirkland Ranch Road and unimproved dirt ranch roads. Existing improvements on the site include water storage reservoirs and a residence.

We understand that this geological evaluation will supplement the Erosion Control Plan, prepared by Napa Valley Vineyard Engineering, Inc. (NVVE, 2017).

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The purpose of this investigation was to review the proposed vineyard development and to evaluate the potential impact to local surface erosion and slope stability. In order to accomplish this, we performed the following tasks:

- reviewed published and unpublished reports and maps of the site;
- reviewed aerial photographs in order to identify surface conditions and slope stability concerns;
- reviewed the Napa Valley Vineyard Engineering, Inc. Erosion Control Plan, and,
- performed a geologic reconnaissance on 2 September 2016 and 27 July 2017.

## REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The site is located in the Coast Ranges geomorphic province, which is characterized by northwest-southeast trending valleys and ridges. These are controlled by folds and faults that resulted from the collision of the Farallon and North American plates and subsequent shearing along the San Andreas fault. The bedrock in the site vicinity, as shown on the Regional Geology Map, Figure 2, is mapped as Sonoma Volcanics ashflow tuff, andesitic to basaltic lava flows and breccias overlying Kreyenhagen Formation, Markley Sandstone and Domingene Sandstone Units (Sims, et al., 1973; Fox and others, 1973, Bezore, and others, 1998).

The Sonoma Volcanics crop out at the ridgecrest above the site and are characterized by layered volcanic deposits including andesite or basaltic flows. The ash flow deposits are interlayered with volcanic lava. Markely Sandstone mapped on the site is a unit within the Eocene-age (36 million yeas old) Kreyenhagen Formation generally described as massive medium- to coarse-grained sandstone that is indurated but not cemented (Manson, 1988). A prominent syncline<sup>1</sup> structure associated with an ancient fault is mapped trending along the Fagan Creek drainage channel at the eastern edge of the site.

Surficial deposits mapped upslope and north of the site include a large landslide complex along the southern-facing flanks of Jamison Canyon. The landslide deposits incorporate the Markely Sandstone and associated units, as well as the overlying Sonoma Volcanics that crop out along the ridge crest (Manson, 1988; Rogers, 1991). The sandstones of the Markley unit are known to disaggregate rapidly in water. Though not exposed on the hillslope above the site, underlying units of Nortonville Shale and Domingene Sandstone are probably also involved in the large landslide complex. The Nortonville Shale is also very susceptible to slope failures as observed in the North Bay Area.

Rogers (1991) has suggested that the unconformable contact between the older Kreyenhagen Formation and deformed Domingene Sandstone controls the southern slopes of the site and is the cause of the weak rock conditions and massive block landslides.

The soil mapped at the site includes Fagan clay loam and Clear Lake clay (USDA, 1978). These soils are characterized as developing on weathered sandstone and shale (Fagan) and alluvium (Clear Lake), respectively. Although much of the southern-facing slopes of Jamison Canyon in the site vicinity are mapped as Fagan clay loam (shale bedrock source), the landslide deposits are derived in part from the Sonoma Volcanic rocks capping the ridge tops and,

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<sup>1</sup> Syncline – a fold in the bedding where beds dip inwards toward the centerline of the structure.

therefore, are more likely the Hambright series, but could also be classified as part of the Forward or Aiken loam series (USDA, 1978).

Active faults have been mapped in the vicinity. The closest active faults to the site are the West Napa and the Green Valley faults approximately 3 and 4.6 miles west and east respectively. The West Napa and Concord-Green Valley faults are classified as type B faults by the UBC, (ICBO, 1988) and are capable of generating Moment Magnitude and 6.5 and 6.7 earthquakes, respectively.

## **SITE CONDITIONS**

We evaluated site conditions based on air photo interpretation and a geological reconnaissance. We compile our geologic reconnaissance mapping on Figures 3A and 3B. On Figure 4, Cross Sections, we present subsurface interpretations of the geology at selected locations. No subsurface exploration was conducted.

The proposed vineyard improvements are located at the base of the steep slopes of the northern slopes of Jamison Canyon. The vineyards lie on rolling topography between approximate Elevations 200 to 525 feet (NVVE, 2017). The proposed vineyard blocks occupy near level to gently sloping ground on the lower flanks of Jamison Canyon which are incised by Fagan Creek and its tributaries.

Fagan clay loam soils on 15 to 50% slopes are mapped on most of the site, except for a narrow strip associated with the drainage channel between proposed vineyard Blocks 16 and 17. Fagan clay loam is soil characteristic of weathered sandstone and shale bedrock and has a moderate erosion hazard on steeper slopes (USDA, 1978). Clear Lake clay soils are mapped in the narrow strip formed by a natural drainage between proposed vineyard Blocks 16 and 17 (USDA, 1978). This soil is characterized by developing on alluvium derived from sedimentary bedrock, with high expansion potential as evidenced by shrinkage cracks 1 to 4 inches wide. The soil is characterized as corrosive.

The site is mapped underlain by Markeley Sandstone (Fox and others, 1973). The sandstone is mapped cropping out in the Fagan Creek channel at the eastern boundary of the site. Where exposed in the active creek channel, the bedrock is weak to moderately strong, intensely to closely fractured, of low hardness, and moderately to deeply weathered. It varies from laminated to massive in the outcrop.

We mapped dormant and active landslides in steeply sloping areas on the site. The slope instabilities mapped at the site are concentrated on the steep-sided drainage channels at the site. We mapped two landslides on slopes above the proposed vineyard blocks associated with steep source areas. The landslides are

characterized as debris slides and slumps and are being actively undermined where they encroach on the drainage channels. We show subsurface interpretations of the landslides on Figure 4, Cross Sections. We plot an imaginary line inclined at 2:1 horizontal to vertical on the cross sections. The intersection of this imaginary line with the slope above the creek is a recommended minimum setback of the vineyard block from the unstable steep slopes.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on our research and review of the site conditions, the proposed vineyard development appears feasible from the standpoint of erosion control and slope stability. We observed favorable slope stability with limited areas subject to landsliding. Existing landslides are constrained to the steeper slopes on the site, especially within the steep-sided creek erosion channels. The landslides mapped outside of the creek drainage appeared to originate on steep slopes above the proposed vineyard blocks. The vineyard blocks have been set back at an appropriate distance from the upslope landslides.

On Figure 4 (Cross Sections), we show the minimum setback distance from the top of the creek bank slope based on an imaginary line projected upward at an inclination of 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) from the base of the creek bank. Considering the local slope inclinations may be steeper than shown on the topographic survey used as the base map, the setbacks should be checked in the field prior to construction.

We did not observe evidence of slope instability in any of the areas proposed for vineyard development.

## **LIMITATIONS**

Our services have been performed in accordance with generally accepted principles and practices of the geological profession. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, either expressed or implied. In addition, the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are professional opinions based on the indicated project criteria and data described in this report. They are intended only for the purpose, site location and project indicated.



We trust that this provides you with the information you need. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

References

Figure 1	Location Map
Figure 2	Regional Geology Map
Figure 3A	Site Geology Map
Figure 3B	Site Geologic Map
Figure 4	Geologic Cross Sections

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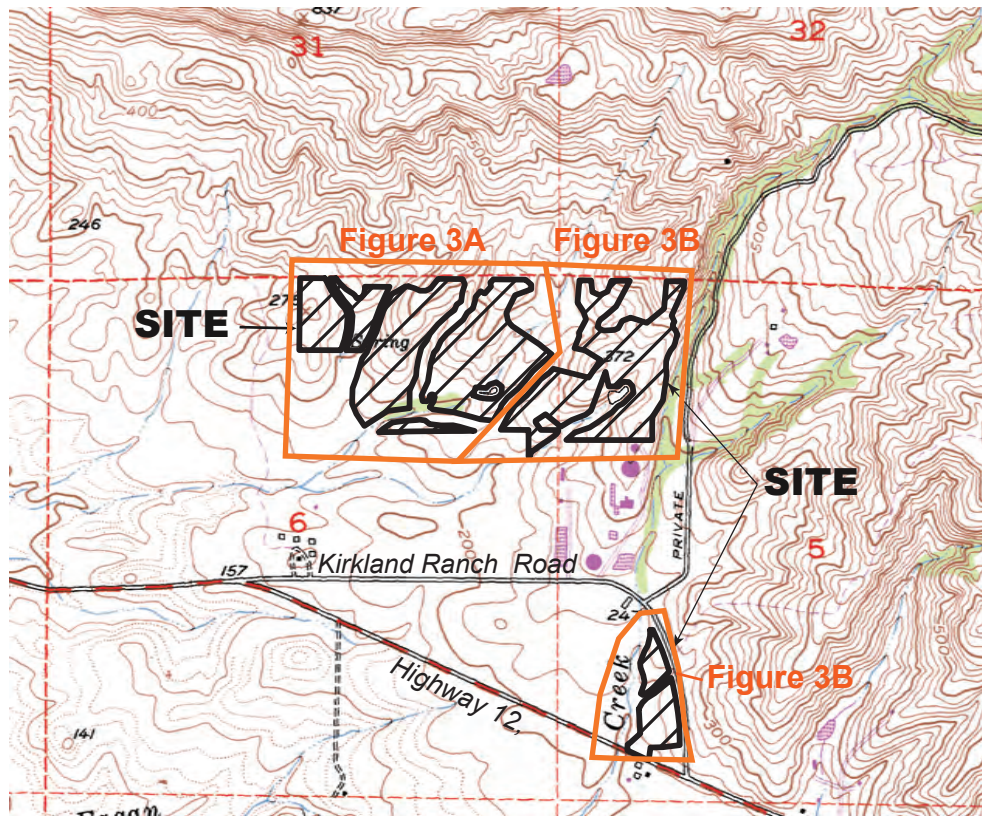
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## Aerial Photographs

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# **KEY**



- Proposed Vineyard Blocks



- Sheet Layout, See Figures 3A and 3B



Reference: Cordelia Quadrangle,  
U.S.G.S., 1995.

## **SITE LOCATION MAP**

Jamison Canyon Vineyards  
Laird Family Vineyards  
Napa, California

FIGURE

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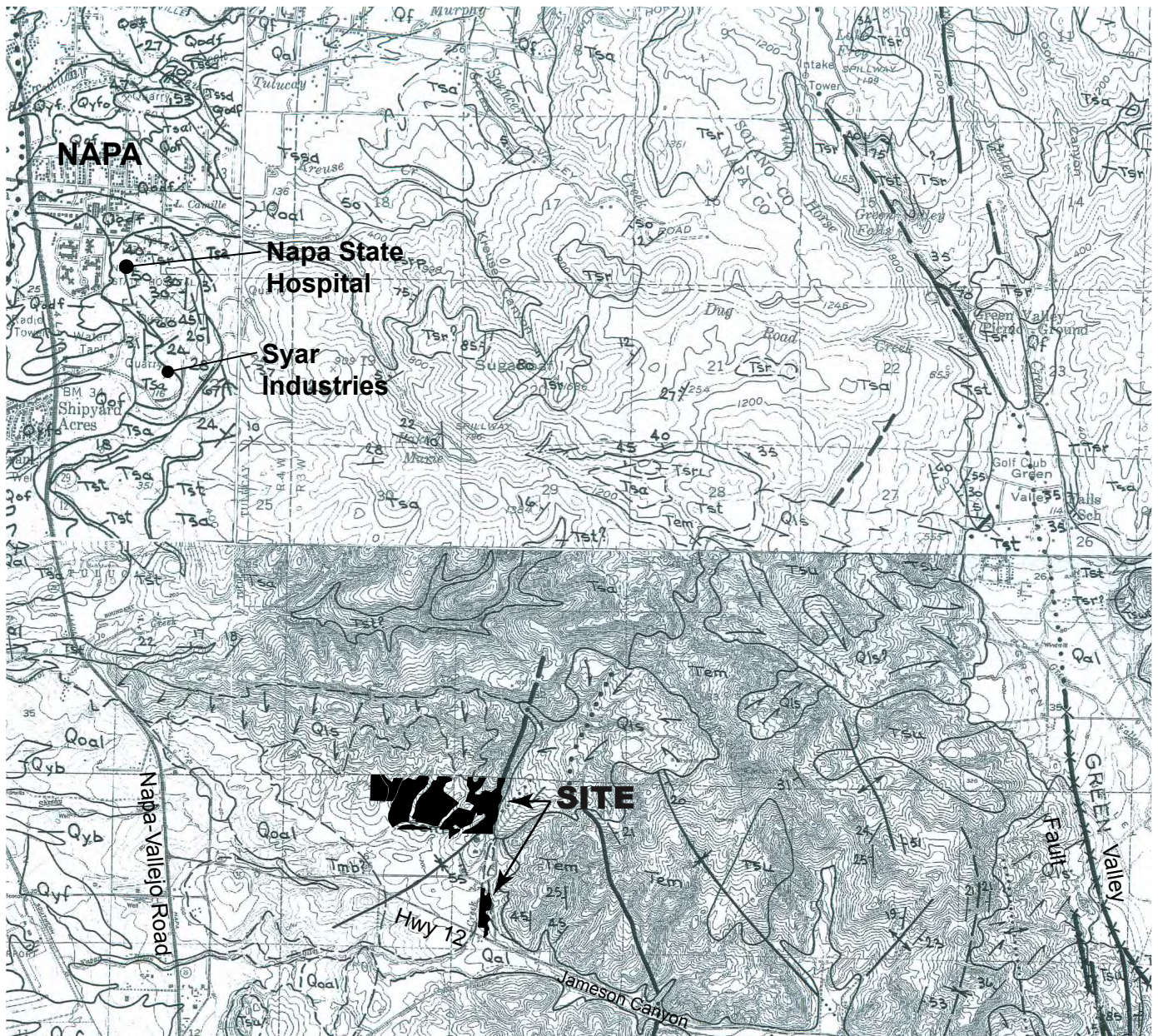


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## EXPLANATION

### Geologic Units

- Qal - Alluvium
- Qol - Older Alluvium
- Qls - Landslide deposits

### Sonoma Volcanics

- Tsu - Sonoma Volcanics, undivided
- Tsa - andesitic lava
- Tst - pumucitic ash-flow tuff
- Tsr - rhyolite intrusive plugs, dikes

### Briones Sandstone

- Tmb - Briones Sandstone

### Kreyenhagen Formation

- Tem - Markley Sandstone member
- Ted - Domengine Sandstone

0 1 mile  
Approximate Scale



Base Map: Fox, et al., 1973; Sims et al., 1973.

## REGIONAL GEOLOGY MAP

Jamison Canyon Vineyards  
Laird Family Vineyards  
Napa, California

FIGURE

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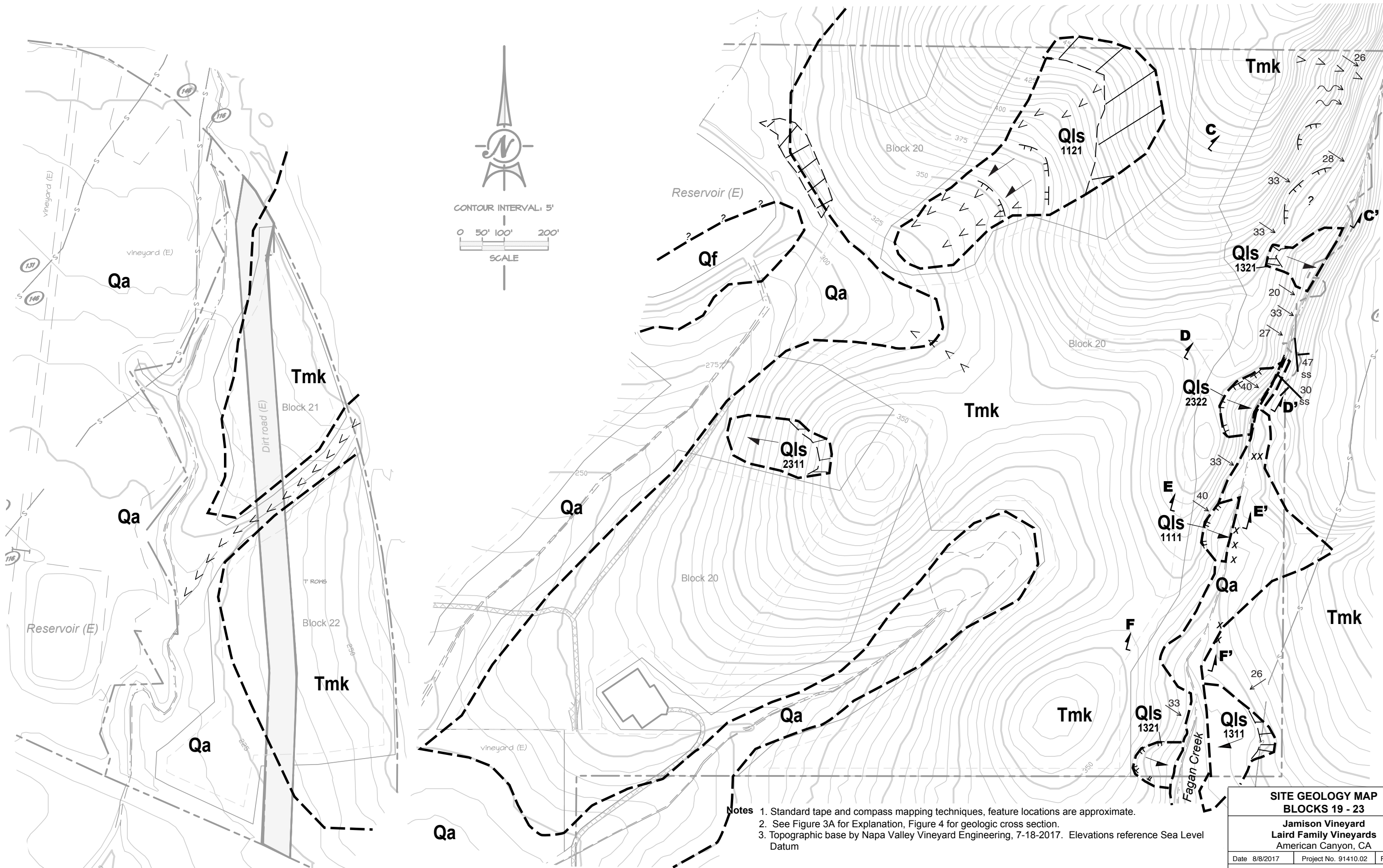
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Notes 1. Standard tape and compass mapping techniques, feature locations are approximate.  
2. See Figure 3A for Explanation, Figure 4 for geologic cross section.  
3. Topographic base by Napa Valley Vineyard Engineering, 7-18-2017. Elevations reference Sea Level Datum

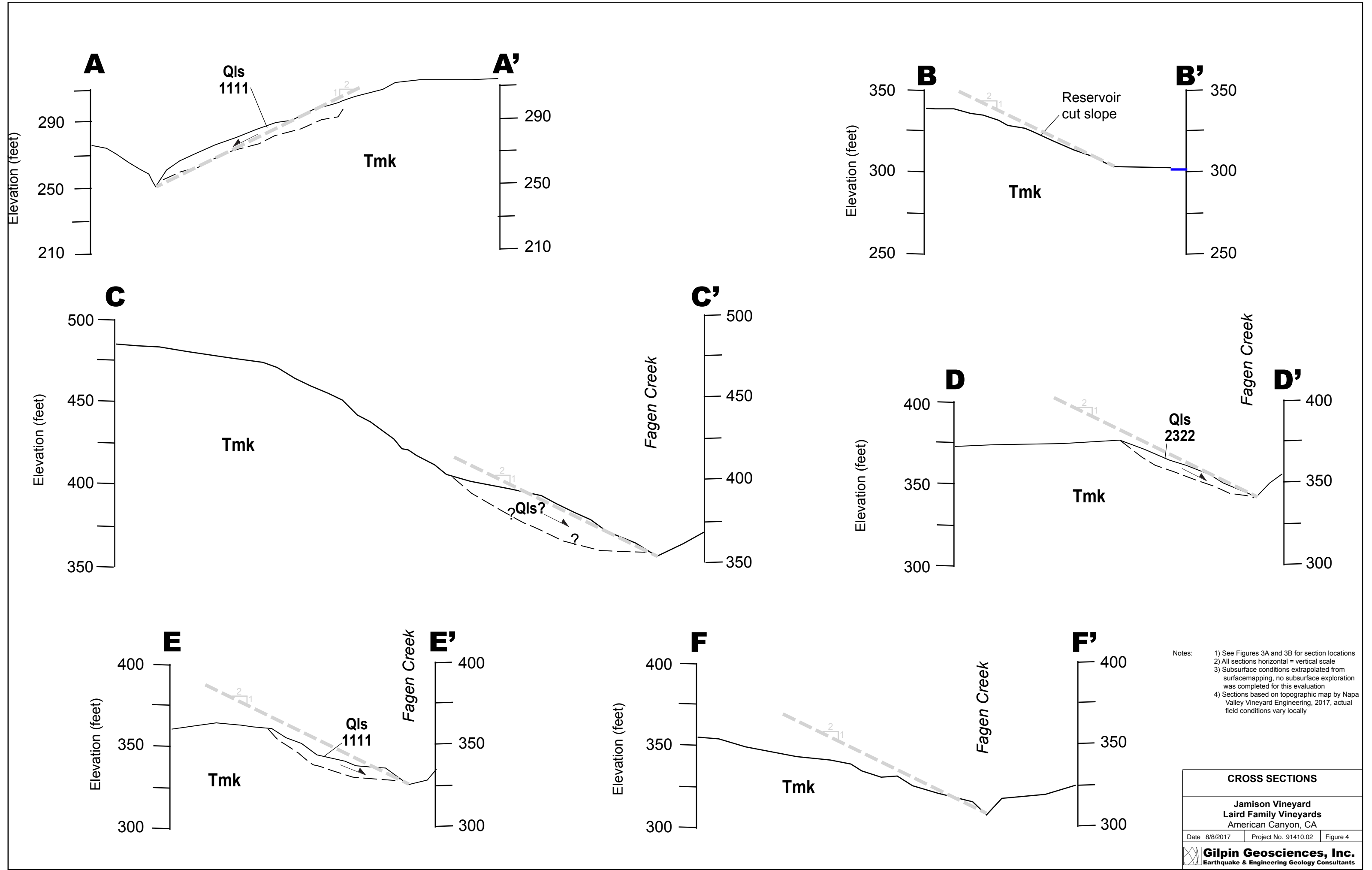
**SITE GEOLOGY MAP**  
**BLOCKS 19 - 23**

Jamison Vineyard  
Laird Family Vineyards  
American Canyon, CA

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- Notes:
- 1) See Figures 3A and 3B for section locations
  - 2) All sections horizontal = vertical scale
  - 3) Subsurface conditions extrapolated from surfacemapping, no subsurface exploration was completed for this evaluation
  - 4) Sections based on topographic map by Napa Valley Vineyard Engineering, 2017, actual field conditions vary locally