



Sonoma County is a destination city.

People come from around the world to taste and see what the harvest has produced.

Wine connoisseurs and novices alike come to this place to experience something hard to find anywhere else.

When I first moved to Sonoma County, I was perplexed at the name of our church. New Vintage. I thought it meant, "new old." Like a vintage car or vintage watch. Something classic but old. Something cool you'd find at a thrift store.

But as I learned about the industry of our community, I learned that a wine vintage is the year in which the grapes were harvested. A wine's vintage can greatly affect the taste and quality, primarily because of the weather that affects the vines throughout the growing season. And each year, when wine is produced, there is a NEW VINTAGE. A new taste. A new product. A new hope. A new excitement. A new opportunity. Something new to look forward to. To anticipate. So the name NEW VINTAGE took on a new meaning. We are not the oxymoron-named church that I thought we were. We are a church always hoping for God to bring about new change.

New life. New hope. New stories of life change. And that is exactly what has been happening. Men are finding new life in Christ. Ladies are finding new community and hope. Couples are discovering new ways of loving one another. Young adults are stepping into new and meaningful friendships. Students are discovering new ways of living that bring hope, life, and happiness. Families are finding new hope in new ways as they pursue a new and meaningful walk with God. Over and over and over again we are hearing from people that there is something special about this place. And I couldn't agree more.

If you are already a part of this NEW VINTAGE, you already know that God is doing something fresh and new in our space. And if you are looking for something new. Something fresh. Something encouraging. We invite you to taste and see what God is doing. Maybe you're a connoisseur of faith looking for a fresh approach. Maybe you're a novice - you're new to church but you've heard how much we love our community. We invite all to come and see what's happening now in this season of this NEW VINTAGE.

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