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## Labor in the Formation of the California Wine Industry

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Native women at the San Fernando Ray de España Mission in 1890, where winemaking was taught as an "important trade" before wineries in Napa existed.



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*Fresh Perspectives on the Formation  
of the California Wine Industry*



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Women pose in a vineyard for a photo series called "Burbank Grape Pickers," 1928. The Los Angeles area was a hotbed for large wine producers who survived Prohibition by selling altar wine and kits for homemade hooch.



Yonezo Shimada irrigating grapes in his vineyard following internment at the Rohwer Relocation Center. Shimada's two sons, Shigeru and Larry, fought with the 442nd Battalion in Italy during WWII.



An engraving by French artist Paul Frenzeny from the late 1800s, published in Harper's Bazaar with the title "The vintage in California, at work at the wine presses." This image shows Chinese-Americans crushing grapes manually while white men taste the result of the harvest (bottom right).



A political cartoon titled "Why Our Farmers Employ Chinamen" bemoaning lazy white workers on the cover of the the *San Francisco Illustrated Wasp*, 1880. The *Wasp* was run by Francis Korb, who cut down redwood forests to make cigar boxes, planted grapes, and became a renowned producer of sparkling wine.