

Press Release:

Kenzo Estate Wine Cave

After a brief 5 months in permitting, planning, site preparation and portal retaining wall construction, Nordby Wine Caves began tunneling operations on Monday December 3rd, 2007 for the Kenzo Estate barrel storage caves.

The architect for both the winery and cave is Backen-Gillam Architects of St. Helena and all site surveying is provided by Michael Brooks & Associates of Yountville.

During the preconstruction phases, we worked with and coordinated document transfer and plan finalization with Williams & Associates, who provided cave spoils grading plans and retaining wall design and will continue to provide tunneling observations; Napa County Building, Planning, and Public Works Departments for grading and building permits.

“Tunneling conditions are very good and we expect excavation and support to proceed at a quick pace for the next 10-12 months,” commented John Shook, Nordby’s General Manager. During this time, Nordby will be provided grading, erosion control and overall site services that surround tunneling activities.

The underground barrel storage facility will encompass approximately 24,000 square feet and have (2) entrances or cave portals. The finished tunnel is generally 14’ wide and 12’ high and will have a variety of unique tunnel shapes. Approximately 14,000 cubic yards of cave spoils will be created and placed on site according to our approved grading plan.

Shook added, “This is an exciting project for Nordby to be involved with. It utilizes every aspect of our expertise including, but not limited to: permitting, planning, consultant interface, mining experience regarding tunneling and shotcrete work and overall project management associated with completion of the underground barrel storage facility.”

The construction schedule is aggressive. It calls for excavating and shotcreting approximately 2,000 square feet of tunnel per month during the next 12 months.

In conjunction with its project management efforts with our overseas client, we are developing a “Client Service Center” to share and access all construction documents. “This is a common practice in the internet driven world and a necessity for Total Customer Satisfaction.”