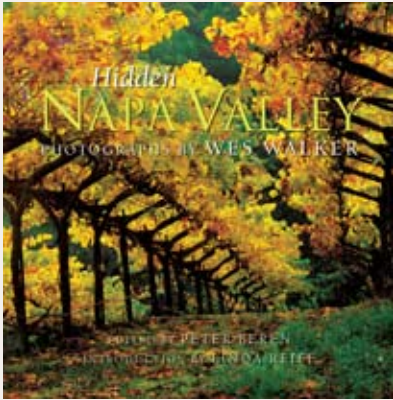


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Wes Walker was born in California and lived in Napa for nearly three decades until he passed away last fall. A former Napa County Superior Court judge, his photographs were first published in the 1970s by the Sierra Club and have appeared since in various publications including *Sierra*, *The New Yorker*, *National Geographic Adventure*, as well as the Smithsonian and the American Museum of Natural History. In 2004, his Napa photographs were the subjects of a one-man show at Napa's Jessel Gallery. In his spare time, he was a grower of premium Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for Silver Oak Cellars in the Mt. Veeder district. Welcome Books has published two other books with Wes Walker: *Hidden Sonoma* (2006) and *Tuscan Country: A Photographer's Journey* (2007), with an introduction by Piero Antinori.

Linda Reiff has served as executive director of the Napa Valley Vintners (NVV) since 1995. Under her leadership NVV membership has encompassed nearly 400 wineries with an international outreach. NVV is the creator and organizer of Auction Napa Valley, the world's most successful charity wine auction, which has raised \$90 million for local health care, youth development, and affordable housing causes. Reiff worked with Wes Walker while he served as a community member of the Auction Napa Valley Board of Directors from 2002 through 2007.

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