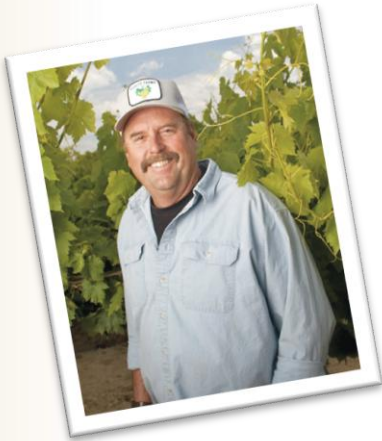




Meet California Raisin Grower Monte Schutz

Schutz Farms, Caruthers, California



Grower:
Monte Schutz

Industry:
Raisins
Caruthers, California



"We are family farms. We live where we farm and take care of the land and environment. We drink the same water that the vines do."

-Monte Schutz

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Continuing the family tradition is important to Monte. As much as he treasures his early beginnings on the farm, if you were to ask Monte what his proudest moment in his 31 years of growing raisins was, he would tell you it was to watch his two sons drive a tractor by themselves in the vineyard for the first time.

Along with the importance family plays in his business, Monte also takes pride in his hands-on approach to farming. "I am personally involved in all aspects of the farming operation," says Monte. "From tractor driving, irrigating, spraying, employee management, to harvesting and delivery of my crop, I make it my personal mission to ensure the quality of my production."

As part of Monte's dedication to his craft, he plays a very active in the decision-making of California's raisin industry. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Raisin Bargaining Association and Vice-Chairman of the Raisin Administrative Committee.

To learn more about California's raisin industry, visit www.loveyourraisins.com.

