

Tudor Trees Nursery, Paul Hundal

Administrative Assistant, Ashli Darrach, interviewed Paul Hundal, owner of Tudor Trees Nursery.



Giving Trees a Solid Foundation

Tudor Farms Nursery is a steadily growing commercial nursery at the west end of Yuba City. The nursery has grown to 17 acres and produces rootstock for walnuts, prunes, peaches and almonds. To produce top quality trees, Paul Hundal and his family have spent a lot of time and effort to perfect their entire operation to produce good quality, clean, and healthy trees. Paul understands that a healthy start at the nursery and at the orchard are critical to tree success.

A successful tree isn't just about survival. The Hundal Family truly is concerned about the production and longevity that



Tudor Trees nursery takes extra care to provide their trees with a clean and healthy start.

their trees will have. Tudor Trees Nursery is able to produce June-bud trees that are 5-6 ft. tall, which are normally 2-3 ft. tall. They take all of the necessary precautions to make sure that their customers will have a strong, healthy tree in production for many years. Customers range from Redding to Bakersfield. When working with clients, Paul will visit the site where the orchard will be planted and provide recommendations for preparing the soil and making sure that the site is clean and healthy to give the young trees the right start in their new location. Paul even continues with follow up calls to see how the trees are doing. His success is measured by the success of his customers. Tudor Trees Nursery also provides custom orders for customers as requested.



Paul Hundal and his son Rajan.

From Computer Science to a Nursery Operation

Before starting his nursery operation, Paul attended CSU Chico and National University, Sacramento where he earned a degree in Computer Science. He worked at Hewlett Packard for 21 years and then decided to go into

the sales industry working for various companies. The technical skill that Paul has allows him to be a successful farmer and nursery operator. Paul has the technical skill to acknowledge a problem, establish a plan, and experiment to find a solution and produce a better product.

In 2007, Paul became interested in the crown rot problem that was plaguing many orchards in the area. Paul decided that he was going to combat the crown rot issue and prepared his 1/8 acre property to become his nursery test field. He fumigated his land and spent the next few years experimenting with different fertilizers and irrigation methods. Over the course of three years, Paul kept record of methods that were successful and what was not successful in order to improve his practices. He knew that trees needed a clean healthy start and that meant that the soil needed to have proper nutrients and be free of bacteria.

Last year the nursery was 5 acres and this year Paul has expanded his operation to 17 acres. Through precision care and trial and error, Paul was able accomplish his goal of producing clean healthy trees. Last year, Tudor Trees Nursery had a 100% success rate last year. Paul uses a color coded system to differentiate between the different types of trees just as he would an engineering tracking system.

Family Roots in Agriculture

The Hundal Family has been farming in California since 1976. Paul has 3 brothers that continue to farm 600 acres in the Yuba-Sutter area. Paul focuses on Tudor Trees Nursery, which is now a family operation with the addition of Paul's sons Rajan and Arjan. Rajan operates the sales and marketing aspect of the business. Arjan is in charge of the everyday operation of the nursery. The Hundal family understands that everyone's contribution is different and equally as important. They all work together

to make Tudor Trees Nursery successful. Paul mentioned, "It is a team effort. I couldn't do this by myself." Paul also mentioned how important his wife Sonya is to the family's successful nursery. Sonya has a Masters in Education, takes care of some of the business aspects of the nursery, the home and Paul's parents. Not only are



Paul and Rajan Hundal next to their new Nursery Tree Digger.

family values important to Paul, he also knows that his employees are imperative to the success of the nursery. Paul makes an effort to build a strong relationship with his employees with respect and kindness. He understands that when his employees are happy to be there and feel that the nursery is theirs, then they take the extra care that is needed to keep the trees clean and healthy. 🌱



Bamboo is used to help give the young tree structure and stability as it establishes a strong foundation.