

History and articles about the Junior Novitiate

In 1879 ,the Brothers' central offices and formation house were mover to Martinez, a quiet rural setting at the time.

In 1930, with encroaching population and refineries, the Brothers decided that a new location was needed for their formation, administration, and retirement center, a place where tranquility could be found. They also sought a vineyard and a winery, in order to further develop a growing business in the production of altar wines, something that had started in Martinez years earlier with a few vines and a small production. Napa proves to be the best place. Mount La Salle is located within the recognized Mount Veeder sub-appellation of the Napa Valley Wine Appellation.

Following will be post card pictures of the Martinez and Mt. La Salle locations.







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