

PAINE ORCHARDS

Vendor: John Paine and Anthony Paine

Location: Gridley, CA

Vendor Since: 1992



The Paine brothers have been involved in farming for over twenty years, and Paine Orchards has been bringing their delicious fruits, jams, syrups and toppings to the Sparks Farmer’s Market since it first opened. They bring a large variety of fruits from their 7 acre farm in Gridley, Calif. and always make their fresh jams, syrups and toppings all natural—without any processed sugar. They focus on quality and John Paine says that has left Paine Orchards with a good following at the market each year.

“I really like the variety of people at the market,” Paine says. “We have many families that we see every year, and we’re also friends with some of the growers in our region. It’s a very lively atmosphere.”

Paine is definitely a people person, he says another thing he enjoys about the market is getting to talk to people about agriculture and answering questions about farming. He says that the people at the Sparks Farmer’s Market are great to talk to because they really appreciate the fresh flavors of what they grow.

“The people here get excited for our fresh fruit because it’s something they can’t get normally,” Paine says. “They just love the flavor.”

The flavor of their fruits is something that Paine Orchards always focuses on. Paine has cultivated 6 varieties of apricots and 4 varieties of pluots, which have become Paine Orchards’ best seller at the market. Paine considers the pluots his specialty and says he started focusing on them to do something different than all the other growers. He encourages people to come by for a free sample and bring a friend!