

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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Woodford Reserve
750 ml



Elizabeth McCall
ASSISTANT MASTER DISTILLER

ELIZABETH MCCALL is the Master Distiller for Woodford Reserve, overseeing new product development and innovations. A Certified Specialist of Spirits, she is the second generation of her family to work in the spirits industry. She has been Master Taster, Assistant Master Distiller and in 2023 was named Master Distiller, succeeding the legendary Chris Morris.



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Widow Jane
750 ml

LISA ROPER WICKER

Currently the President & Head Distiller & Head Blender at Widow Jane Distillery. Lisa is owner and distiller of Saints and Monsters Distillery in Bardstown, KY and heads the Samson and Surrey team - Widow Jane, Philadelphia Distilling, Few Spirits, and Brenne Whiskey - with her main focus on Widow Jane Distillery. Her awards and projects continue to grow with each passing year. Some of her recent awards are as follows:



Lisa Roper Wicker
MASTER DISTILLER

- Icons of Whiskey Master Distiller/Master Blender "Highly Commended" 2019
- Whiskies of the World 2019, Outstanding Gold, Best in Class...Widow Jane Five Barrel small batch
- Whiskey Advocate "90" 10 year five barrel small batch
- "The Vaults" 14 year small batch released Fall 2019



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Old Forester 1920
750 ml

JACKIE ZYKAN

When it comes to Master Tasters, there are some who were clearly born to do the job. When Brown-Forman hired her to manage their single barrel Old Forester program and later elevated her to Master Taster, it was a natural fit.



Jackie Zykan
MASTER TASTER

Prices Good 3/3 Thru 4/2/24

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J Vineyards
750 ml
Pinot Gris
\$18.98 Tri-County
"Black" Pinot Noir



Nicole Hitchcock
J VINEYARDS & WINERY HEAD WINEMAKER

NICOLE HITCHCOCK was born and raised in Carmel, CA, and discovered her passion for the wine industry when working alongside sommeliers in various restaurants. What particularly piqued her interest was the global appeal and diversity of wine.

Nicole was named assistant winemaker for Gallo of Sonoma in mid-2010, where she worked alongside Gina Gallo, crafting Chardonnay and Malbec. Three years later she became quality manager for E & J Gallo Winery in Healdsburg, a position she held for nearly two years. In April 2015, she became head winemaker for J Vineyards & Winery. She received the 2022 Winemaker of the Year Wine Star Award from Wine Enthusiast magazine.

Nicole has furthered her formal education in the wine industry by completing an MBA in Wine Business from Sonoma State University in 2016. Married and the mother of two daughters, she says, "They often tell me that they want to work in the winery with me when they grow up."



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J Lohr

750ml

Pure Paso Red Blend

\$14.98 Seven Oaks

Cabernet

\$11.98 Riverstone

Chardonnay

CYNTHIA LOHR As the daughter of wine industry pioneer Jerry Lohr, she spent some of her youth in the vineyards and at the wineries, absorbing aspects of the wine industry firsthand. In 2002, Cynthia joined the family business as director of communications for J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, and in 2009, she was named marketing vice president. Beginning in 2016, Cynthia transitioned to the role of trade and brand advocate for J. Lohr. Then in 2019 Cynthia was named chief brand officer.

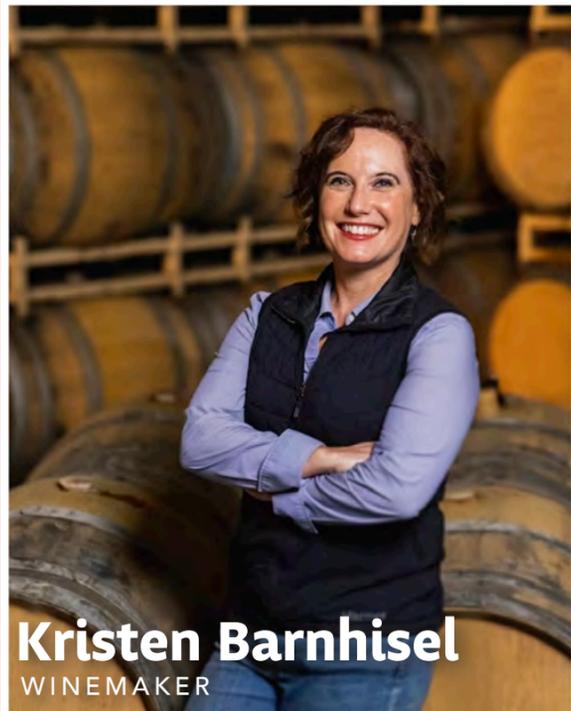
KRISTEN BARNHISEL brings two decades of viticulture and winemaking experience spanning three continents to her role as winemaker for all white wines.

J. LOHR
VINEYARDS & WINES



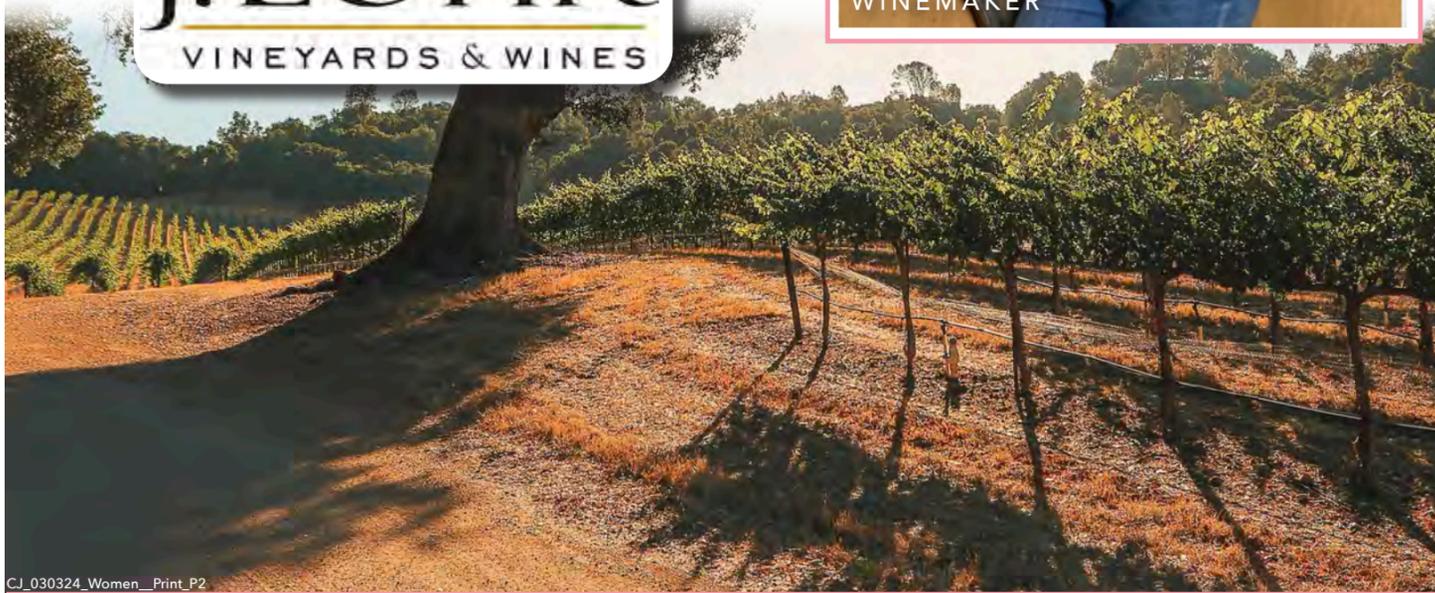
Cynthia Lohr

CO-OWNER/CHIEF BRAND OFFICER



Kristen Barnhisel

WINEMAKER



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**Mount Gay
Eclipse Rum**

750 ml



TRUDIANN BRANKER First female Master Blender at Mount Gay and in Barbados. She joined the Mount Gay team in 2014 as the Quality Assurance Manager and followed the same path as Allen Smith within the distillery—and she continues to be inspired by his legacy at Mount Gay. Trudiann now shares the expertise and secrets of Mount Gay's rums. Her capacity to understand the subtle balance between scientific precision and the instinct necessary for the production of rum is one of her greatest strengths. Her natural curiosity and great professionalism guarantee a prosperous future for Mount Gay. Trudiann possesses the desire to create, explore new ideas and establish a productive dialogue that is in line with Mount Gay's ambition. For the oldest continuously running rum distillery in the world, it is a great pride to see her, the first female Master Blender, in this prestigious role.

"It is an honor for me to follow in Allen's footsteps. It is from him that I learnt the tremendous savoir-faire which allows us to create one of the best rums in the world every day. It is with great pride that I become Mount Gay's Master Blender ... to create new treasures, expand our rums and invent new blends."

Trudiann Branker

MASTER BLENDER

MOUNT GAY
Barbados Rum **1703**
EST. 1703



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**Hendrick's
Gin**

750 ml

LESLEY GRACIE "There is lots to do here at the Hendrick's Gin Palace, from testing and analysing our botanical samples to ensure they are up to our pretty exacting standards, to tasting the distillates to ensure our quality standards. Playing in the lab with different distillates and essences is my favorite part of the day and I find tending to the botanicals in the hothouses a good way to relax and unwind. There are also tastings, meetings and events – there's never a dull moment."



Lesley Gracie

MASTER DISTILLER



Sarika Singh

CO-FOUNDER AT 21 SEEDS

Kat Hantas

CO-FOUNDER AT 21 SEEDS

Nicole Emmanuel

CO-FOUNDER AT 21 SEEDS

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21 Seeds Tequila
750 ml

KAT HANTAS Co-Founder and CEO of 21Seeds, that innovation occurred with a challenge to stop drinking fermented alcohol. Even as a busy mom, Kat had the exceptional talent to create innovative flavors out of her kitchen. But she didn't stop there

The name 21Seeds comes from two sisters and one girlfriend. So Nicole and I are the two sisters. It's funny because now there are three sisters at 21Seeds. But the name stands for just the two sisters, and the one is the friend.

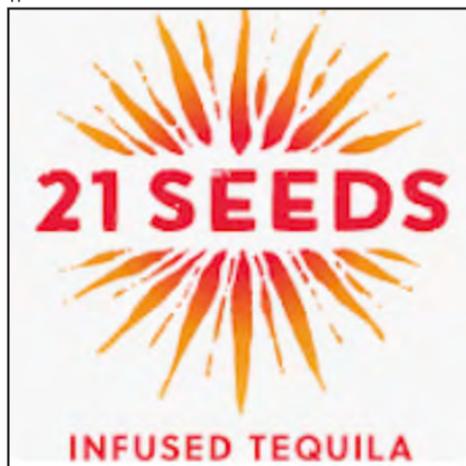
I'm so in awe and so stoked about how many women are becoming entrepreneurs. There are actually more female entrepreneurs than male entrepreneurs out there! I just think, "good for you," because it's tough when a lot of women are balancing so many things. Even if they've taken time off, when they go back into the workforce, it doesn't mean that their old day job is now done. Women still are managing households and raising kids. I just feel like women have so much to offer.

NICOLE EMMANUEL had been the CFO of the companies she worked for. At this last company she was super fortunate as they were very encouraging of side hustles. And so she said, "Look, I'm starting this tequila company with my sister. And while I'm the CFO of this multi-billion dollar company, I'm going to be doing this on the side until I can just be doing 21Seeds 100%."

SARIKA SINGH Stanford engineer who had this whole other career in the food industry before she also took time to spend with her kids. So, we're stoked that we live in a country where women can do that. I think you can have it all, just maybe not at the same time. There are always things that you have to pick and choose and where you spend your time.

In 2019, Sarika Singh and her co-founders, Kat and Nicole, created 21Seeds Infused Tequila when they noticed a gap in the market for a high-quality, infused tequila brand.

"In particular, we didn't see anything out there that was made with real ingredients, looked like tequila that was accessible for everyone and specifically appealed to women. In 2019, the tequila category felt very macho, both in terms of the marketing as well as the harshness and burn of the sipping experience. So, we set out to create a smooth, approachable, and fun tequila – just like the ladies who would be drinking it,"



Andrea Card

SENIOR WINEMAKER AT FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA

12⁹⁸
Francis Coppola Diamond Collection
750ml
Claret, Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Prosecco & Prosecco Rose
\$9.98 Chardonnay & Pinot Grigio



ANDREA CARD is the Senior Winemaker at Francis Ford Coppola Winery in addition to serving on the Alexander Valley Winegrowers in Sonoma County board. She is a fourth-generation Sonoma County native with roots of wine dating back before Prohibition, when her great-grandparents grew Petite Sirah and Carignane in the Alexander Valley.

After graduation from Cal Poly, she joined Benziger Family Winery in Sonoma County and continued to work for 16 years learning and developing her skills not only in wine production and winemaking but tending to the land with an emphasis in Sustainability, Organics and Biodynamics®. Andrea began her career at Benziger as a laboratory technician, moved on to become an enologist in 2003, and in 2005 added the role of lab manager to her responsibilities. She became the production manager in 2008 and was named assistant winemaker in 2014. After just eight months, she became winemaker, a position she held for two years. During her two decades at Benziger, Andrea managed many different activities, ranging from the lab to the cellar, to the crush pad and bottling lines. She transitioned to Ravenswood Winery in 2017, as its winemaker, remaining there until mid-2019. At that time, she joined The Prisoner Wine Company working on the Unshackled brand for a year as Senior Winemaker before moving on as Senior Winemaker at Francis Ford Coppola Winery.



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Decoy

750ml

Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot Noir & Red

\$14.98 Chardonnay & Sauvignon Blanc

\$22.98 Limited Cabernet & Limited Pinot Noir



DECOY

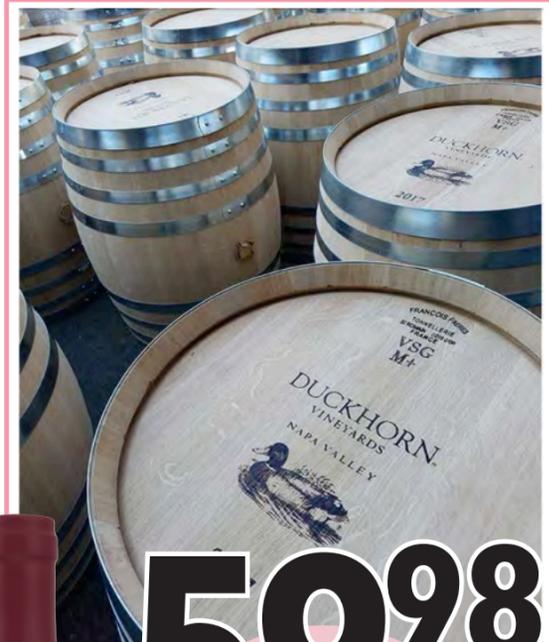


Dana Epperson
WINEMAKER FOR DECOY

DANA EPPERSON is the gifted winemaker who guides Decoy's winemaking. She works collaboratively with the vineyard and winemaking teams to ensure the wines reflect the Decoy signature style, and its unwavering commitment to quality.



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Duckhorn Napa Valley

750ml

Cabernet Sauvignon



RENEE ARY became the fourth winemaker in the four-decade history of Duckhorn Vineyards in 2014. Like the two acclaimed winemakers before her, Renee spent years working alongside her predecessors, honing her craft, refining her gifted palate, and mastering the Duckhorn Vineyards style. Today, with an approach that balances artistry, science, and a deep respect for the viticultural side of winemaking, Renee guides the entire Duckhorn Vineyards portfolio, crafting wines that offer structure and sophistication, as well as a deep and purposeful sense of place.

Born and raised on the East Coast, Renee moved to California to attend Saint Mary's College, where she earned a degree in chemistry and art. Fascinated by the intersection between science and art, winemaking quickly became Renee's passion, career, and way of life.

In August of 2003, she joined the Duckhorn Vineyards. Throughout her first decade at Duckhorn Vineyards, Renee learned every detail of production moving from lab manager to enologist to assistant winemaker to associate winemaker. In early 2014, Renee became the fourth name on the short list of Duckhorn Vineyards. As winemaker, Renee works in small lots to preserve the rich complexity of the fruit in the Duckhorn winegrowing program. In 2017, Renee's debut 2014 vintage of the revered Three Palms Vineyard Merlot was named "Wine of the Year" by Wine Spectator, on its list of the "Top 100 Wines" in the world.



Renee Ary
WINEMAKER AT DUCKHORN

IMAGERY.

ESTATE WINERY

JAMIE BENZIGER Growing up between her family's two Sonoma wineries, it's no surprise that Jamie Benziger is blazing her own trail in the wine industry. Returning home to Sonoma in 2015, Jamie had the opportunity to work alongside the most incredible winemaker she knows; her Dad, Joe Benziger. Mentored by her father and just as adventurous, Jamie is passionate about taking Imagery to a broader audience.

In December 2017, Joe retired and Jamie took the reins as Winemaker. As the second-generation winemaker at Imagery, Jamie has been on a roll. Not only was she named the 2019 Best Woman Winemaker in the International Women's Wine Competition, she was also included on Wine Enthusiast's list of 40 Under 40 Tastemakers.

DUCKHORN.
VINEYARDS

FETZER VINEYARDS.

ESTD. IN 1968

6⁹⁸

Fetzer

750ml

Gewurztraminer, Riesling & Pinot Grigio

\$5.98 Cabernet, Chardonnay & Merlot



Margaret Leonardi
WINEMAKER

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MARGARET LEONARDI, Bonterra Organic Vineyards -Winemaker; is a native of Northern California and has spent her life surrounded by wine and viticulture. She grew up on an organic dairy farm, where large family meals, at-home gatherings, and leisurely dinners accompanied by wine were the rule, not the exception. Her passion for wine, coupled with being surrounded by inspiring women—namely her mother, a teacher, and her grandmother, an incredible cook—foreshadowed her pursuing the challenging career of winemaking.

Her philosophy of winemaking is embodied in her own words, “Much like the principles of sustainability, I take a forward-thinking approach to every winemaking decision. I thrive on planning and predictive environments.” She adds, “It feels good to know we are creating delicious wines that people love, while helping to build a more sustainable future.” A measure of her talents is found in being named as one of the North Bay Business Journal’s 2021 Forty Under 40 Awards winners.



JULIANA SCHMITT

In January 2020, at the age of 32, Juliane Schmitt became CEO of Schmitt Söhne Wines, a century-old family winery that’s the largest exporter of German wines to the U.S. It’s a natural evolution for Schmitt, who has been preparing for this role her whole life.

“I am eldest of the fourth generation of my family, and the wine business is a way of life for us,” explains Schmitt simply. The Schmitt family settled in the bucolic village of Longuich, in the famed Mosel region, more than 200 years ago, and today this slateroofed hamlet is still home to the Schmitt family and to their namesake winery, which has become one of Germany’s most dynamic wine companies.

Schmitt attributes the success of Schmitt Söhne Wines to a reputation for quality built over generations: “We’ve been able to grow sustainably through the years because we’ve earned trust for our wines,” she says. “Our name is on the bottle, so what’s inside has to make us proud.”



Juliana Schmitt
WINERY CEO

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Schmitt Sohne

750ml

Riesling QBA & Relax
Select Varieties



10⁹⁸

Pine Ridge

750ml

Chenin Blanc-Viognier

COLLEEN FITZGERALD

originally joined Pine Ridge as enologist in 2015 and quickly gravitated towards the unique Chenin Blanc and Viognier blend, which is often the case of anyone who drinks it. Like many of her counterparts at Pine Ridge, Colleen’s path of discovery to wine started from a love for the intricacies of winemaking and daily creative outlet that comes from hands-on work. “I have always been captivated by the perfect balance of chemistry and art in winemaking,” Colleen remarks.

The aromatic and innovative CB+V white blend, pioneered by Pine Ridge Vineyards founder Gary Andrus in 1995, has become a favorite amongst those who discover it and is now one of America’s most popular white wines. As Colleen puts it, “I love working with Chenin Blanc because it has distinctive acidity and vibrant lemon-lime characters that complement the weight and floral notes of Viognier. Once you discover it, there is no going back.”

Colleen has an unmatched knowledge of the care needed to properly grow and blend the two distinct grape varieties from grape selection, picking decisions, monitoring fermentations, blending and bottling. Colleen also works with winegrowers in the Clarksburg American Viticultural Area in the Sacramento Delta region to make decisions about pruning and vine management as well as harvest timing, which is crucial with Chenin Blanc.



Colleen Fitzgerald

HEAD WINEMAKER FOR
PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS

PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS



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Imagery

750ml

Cabernet, Chardonnay,
Pinot Noir
& Sauvignon Blanc

Jamie Benziger
WINEMAKER FOR IMAGERY



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898
**Sterling
Vintners
Collection**
750ml
Select Varieties

LAUREN KOPIT winemaker has worked in the wine industry since graduating from UC Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology in 2009. She began her career in winemaking via harvest laboratory positions at Franciscan Winery and Matchbook Winery, before returning to UC Davis to earn her Master of Science degree in Viticulture and Enology. After graduating in 2013, Lauren experienced two additional harvests as a vintage cellar hand, working at the small, ultra-premium Odette Estate Winery, followed by New Zealand's Church Road Winery, before joining the Sterling Vineyards team in 2014.

"I was at Sterling one week and I knew I wanted to work here forever," remembers Lauren, who started as an Interim Assistant winemaker before taking on the permanent role of Assistant Winemaker in June of 2015. "The priority on quality and the passion from the whole team is incredibly inspiring." In her role as Winemaker, Lauren oversees the winemaking process from grape to bottle, starting with vineyard and harvest decisions, through day-to-day operations, and ending with blending and bottling.

Winemaking combines all things Lauren truly enjoys: science, art and creativity, and teaching and interacting with people. Lauren is an avid oil painter and amateur photographer. "The art of winemaking taps into a familiar creative process like painting," says Lauren. "I am very lucky that I get to use both my love of science and my creativity on a daily basis."

Lauren grew up in Southern California and has a natural proclivity for the sun and outdoors. When not in the vineyards, you can find her cheering for the Green Bay Packers, spending time with her family, or enjoying a glass of wine with friends.



Lauren Kopit
WINEMAKER AT STERLING VINEYARDS

FERRARI-CARANO
Vineyards and Winery

1198

Ferrari-Carano
750ml
Fume Blanc
\$19.98 Siena



Rebecka Deike
SENIOR WINEMAKER RED WINES

REBECKA DEIKE interprets the vine's individual characteristics to create wines of profound character and complexity, with intense flavors, yet graceful and balanced. "As winemaker for our red wines, I love the seasonal experiences and connection between seeing the vines develop in the vineyards, the grapes ripening and witnessing the transformation of grapes into wine. Our wines are reflective of the terroir they come from." Following her two years as the Enologist at Ferrari-Carano, Rebecka became the Assistant Winemaker in 2006. Furthering her education in 2012, she completed the University of California Davis Winemaking Certificate Program and was Ferrari-Carano's Associate Winemaker overseeing the Pinot Grigio and Zinfandel Wine Programs. In early 2014, Rebecka was promoted to Associate Winemaker and in 2021 to Senior Winemaker, where she now oversees Ferrari-Carano's Red Wines Programs, including the PreVail wines, and the mountain winery production facility in Alexander Valley.



Natalie West
WINEMAKER WHITE WINES

NATALIE WEST

"Dedicated to our white wines program, I value the ability to focus on the two varietals that were also the first wines that Ferrari-Carano made. Our Fume Blanc and Chardonnay are crafted with intention, to reflect our vineyard sites while maintaining the consistency Ferrari-Carano is known for."

Growing up on a small family vineyard in Dry Creek Valley, Natalie spent time helping tend to the vines and learned from a young age her love of vineyards and the wine industry.

After earning a degree in Viticulture and Enology from the University of California Davis, Natalie worked several internships that led her to New Zealand, San Martin, Russian River Valley, and Alexander Valley where she joined Ferrari-Carano in 2005 as an Enologist at the Prevail winery. Natalie became Assistant Winemaker for Ferrari-Carano red wines, and most recently was brought to the Estate winery in Dry Creek Valley to oversee the Ferrari-Carano white wine production.



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12⁹⁸
Dry Creek
750ml
Fume Blanc
\$17.98 Heritage Vine
Zinfandel



Kim Stace Wallace
PRESIDENT AT DRY CREEK VINEYARD

KIM STACE WALLACE

"Throughout my childhood, I watched my father pioneer Dry Creek Vineyard, the first new winery to be built in the region following Prohibition, and champion Dry Creek Valley as a world-class wine growing appellation," said Stace Wallace. "As a teen, I worked in the office, cellar and on the bottling line, as well as accompanying my parents on countless sales trips, business dinners and wine tastings. From this early start, I grew up with an understanding of the wine industry and a dedication that has persisted throughout my life and career. It has been my life's passion to shepherd our family business thus far, and set up the future generations for success."

Today, our premier, family-owned winery is celebrating 46 years of winemaking and I am firmly committed to a "No Compromises" philosophy, producing appellation-focused, terroir-driven, varietal-defining wines. We are proud to be one of the last truly private, family-owned, iconic wineries consistently producing 90+ point wines.



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Seaglass
750ml
Chardonnay, Pinot Gris &
Sauvignon Blanc
\$11.98 Cabernet
& Pinot Noir



Christine Morrison
DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING

CHRISTINE MORRISON

Director of Winemaking for SEAGLASS Wine Company – Christine has been with the Central Coast brand for more than a decade. From the winery's signature aromatic whites to its satisfying cool-climate reds, Christine knows how to capture the essence of California's coastal region in every glass.



SEAGLASS
WINE COMPANY

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KATIE MADIGAN

Katie Madigan grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area with wine-loving parents. She learned to appreciate wine not just at special occasions, but as something that can be shared any day of the week with great friends and family.

After graduating from UC Santa Barbara, she had an opportunity to take a harvest internship at St. Francis Winery & Vineyards in 2002.

Madigan enjoyed the work so much she went on to study enology and viticulture at UC Davis while continuing to work at St. Francis. Shortly after graduating she was promoted to assistant winemaker and then winemaker, with a focus on chardonnay, pinot noir and zinfandel.

Today Madigan is still as curious about winemaking as she was 21 years ago and sees each vintage as an opportunity to improve her expertise.

She also created a Rose Wine for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Breast Cancer Centers in Sonoma County. She was proud to contribute to improved programs that can help women thrive. Survival rates have increased due to more accessible testing, improved treatment options and integrative therapies.



Katie Madigan
WINEMAKER



17⁹⁸
St. Francis
750ml
Cabernet



11⁹⁸

Primarius
750ml
Pinot Noir



Sarah Cabot
WINEMAKER

SARAH CABOT

Winemaker Sarah Cabot is tour de force, and her intensity and optimism show in all she pursues.

Sarah's ultra-premium Pinot Noir-making expertise and time spent traversing vineyards as a self-professed "soil nerd" underscore her all-around passion for Oregon wine. No harvest is exactly like the last, and in Sarah's more than 12 years of Willamette Valley winemaking, she enjoys uncovering the story of each vintage, as it comes to her, finding the beauty and poise in Oregon's diversity.

A familiar name in the region, prior to joining Primarius Sarah was the principal winemaker for Omero Cellars from its founding in 2008 until early 2014. She was an assistant winemaker for Willakenzie Estate and started in Oregon as a harvest intern and then assistant winemaker for Belle Pente Vineyard in Carlton. Although best known for her Pinot Noir, she also enjoys creating its varietal rosé and Pinot Gris.

Today, Sarah is one of few Oregon winemakers – and one of the few women nationwide – to crush more than 1,000 tons of Pinot Noir each harvest and earn top critical acclaim each vintage. In fact, she's responsible for more Oregon wine production than any other woman winemaker in the state for several consecutive years. Wine author and journalist Katherine Cole perfectly characterized Sarah as "arguably the most original and intellectual oenologist to be producing wine...an Oregon winemaker through and through."

