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An accomplished winemaker providing cultural fluency, leadership, and twenty-five vintages of winemaking experience from five continents. I have a consistent track record of producing artisan and world-class wines from classified growths to single vineyards with over two dozen wines awarded ninety points or higher from internationally renowned critics. I bring an eye for balance & quality in every lot. I have produced & bottled more than 125 medals in the last decade, with multiple Best of Class and Double Gold in the largest North American wine competitions.

EDUCATION

2018 – present UNIVERSITY OF DENVER (anticipated June 2020)
DANIELS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidate, Master of Business Administration, Concentration in Marketing

2002 - 2004 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

Post-baccalaureate & graduate studies in Enology, Chemistry & Viticulture (65 units);

- Alumni lecturer, topics have included fermentation, filtration, grower relations, oak & barrel integration
- 2004 Department Award for Distinguished Leadership

1990 – 1994[†] UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Bachelor of Arts, Economics & Sociology



WINERY & PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

December 2015 - January 2019 RAMOS-TORRES WINERY
Kingsburg, CALIFORNIA

CONSULTING WINEMAKER

A garage winery producing +1,500 cases of small lot, Rhone-inspired wines from the Yosemite Foothills and a few old vine projects (Alicante Bouschet, Carignan & Zinfandel)

Harvest 2017 WILLAMETTE VALLEY VINEYARDS
Turner, OREGON

VISITING WINEMAKER

Coordinated with the night shift for processing & fermentation of 3,132 tons (an estate record) focusing on small lot Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris & Riesling; over a dozen varietals in total.

Harvest 2017 VILLA MARIA ESTATE
Blenheim, NEW ZEALAND (Marlborough)

HARVEST SUPERVISOR: PINOT NOIR

A winery within a winery; directly supervised the processing, with an international cellar crew (12) through fermentation to barrels of +850 tons (68 lots) focused on small lots and single vineyard Marlborough Pinot Noir; forklift certified through March 2020.

2016 (10 months) CHATEAU LANYI
Zhenbeibu, CHINA (Ningxia)

INTERIM WINEMAKER

A state-owned winery with +28 hectares planted in Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and the hybrid Marselan.

Harvest 2016

SPRING CREEK VINTNERS

Blenheim, NEW ZEALAND (Marlborough)

FERMENTATION WINEMAKER

A ±13,000-ton production in Marlborough, processing grapes for a dozen contracted wineries. Primary varietals included Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris & Chardonnay; small lots of Pinot Noir from Otago. Direction and operations included an international cellar crew of 21, fermentation monitoring, time-sensitive additions, and work order distributions.

2015 – 2017

NINGXIA WINEMAKER CHALLENGE

Yinchuan, CHINA

COMPETITION WINEMAKER

One of 48 winemakers selected from an international pool of applicants for a unique, the one-of-a-kind competition conducted over a two-year challenge; Fifteen tons through harvest, fermentation, and elevage to final blending and bottle; judged by an international panel in Beijing (August 2017).

2014 – 2015 (16 months)

CHATEAU MORRISETTE

Floyd, VIRGINIA

WINEMAKER & CIDERMAKER

The largest production winery in Virginia directing grower relations, oversight, and production with a focus on improving overall wine quality. Identified vineyards and orchards and coordinated grower relations to yield more than 450 tons of grapes and apples from Virginia & North Carolina while outsourcing the balance with contracts from California & New York. Developed a hard cider program in utilizing 12 Virginia heirloom varietals. +70 medals in US competitions, including multiple Best of Class and Gold. ±70,000 cases & 28 SKUs

2011 - 2014

VIGNOBLES GARCIN

Bordeaux, FRANCE

COUNSEL EN VINIFICATION/WINEMAKER

Coordinated vintage across a collection of four cellars in Pomerol, St. Emilion, Cotes de Castillion and Pessac-Leognan, including, maturity, daily operations & barrel designations while coordinating elevage. Developed blending trials & preparations of 'en premiere' for critics & négociants; completed final blends for bottling. Participated in trade tastings in conjunction with the *Union des Grand Crus* & *Cercle Rive Droite* in Bordeaux, North America & Asia. ±23,000 cases.

Clos l'Eglise, Pomerol

¹ Château Barde-Haut, St. Emilion Grand Cru Classé

² Château Poesia, St. Emilion Grand Cru

² Château d'Arce, Cotes de Castillion

Château Branon, Pessac-Leognan

Château Haut-Bergey, Pessac-Leognan

Harvest 2008

THE WINE GROUP

Fresno, CALIFORNIA

VINTAGE WINEMAKER

Full-scale operations, coordinating over 300,000 tons of grapes designated for contract and export distribution. Organized within a 24-hour work cycle throughout the harvest, including fermentation, micro-oxygenation, lees filtration, contract fulfillment & initial blending for export.

2008 - 2013

BODEGA POESIA

Mendoza, ARGENTINA

VINTAGE WINEMAKER

Five vintages in the shadows of the Andes over six years in Lujan du Cuyo for the Malbec harvest with a direct, hands-on position with old vines planted in 1935 for Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon & Syrah. ±8,000 cases.

¹ Chateau Barde-Haut was promoted to Grand Cru Classé in the 2012 Classification.

² Chateau Poesia (formerly Haut-Villet) & Chateau d'Arce purchased in the summer prior to the 2013 vintage

Harvest 2007

³ [CHATEAU QUINAULT](#) GRAND CRU CLASSÉ
Bordeaux, FRANCE (St. Emilion)

HARVEST OENOLOGIST

Vintage on the right bank with a cellar team from four continents at the property of Dr. Alain Reynaud. Processing & protocols included puncheon barrel fermentation of Cabernet Franc & Merlot. ±12,000 cases produced. The estate was acquired by LVMH in 2008 and elevated to *Grand Cru Classé* in 2012.

2005 - 2012

[GRIZZLY REPUBLIC](#)
Sebastopol/Paso Robles, CALIFORNIA

FOUNDING WINEMAKER

It all started with a few tons of old vine Zinfandel from Amador. Designated vineyard selections and directed grower relations, monitored fermentation through elevage, packaging procurement and bottling; then to marketing with a primary focus on Zinfandel, Rioja & Rhone-styled wines. Harvest and production grew from 150 cases to over 4,000 in five years. The business sold in 2011; retained as a consultant for an additional year.

2004 - 2007

[VINOVAATION, INC](#)
Sebastopol, CALIFORNIA

ASSOCIATE WINEMAKER

Coordinated and supervised cellar logistics with 15 employees to provide patented processing (reverse osmosis protocols) of more than twenty million cases per year via third-party wineries. Directed operational management of small lot, custom crush (+150 lots; +450 tons); Coordinated processing and bottling of more than 70,000 cases annually. Initially served as enologist while providing laboratory analysis for all processing; position progressed after the first eight months with increasing responsibilities. The company was sold in 2007 & now operates as WineSecrets.

³ Chateau Quinault was promoted to *Grand Cru Classé* in the 2012 Classification.