



THE WINEMAKING TEAM

THE WINEMAKING PROCESS AT VINO NOCETO IS TRULY A TEAM EFFORT. EACH MEMBER BRINGS A UNIQUE TALENT TO THE JOURNEY FROM VINE TO BOTTLE.

RUSTY FOLENA—WINEMAKER. A SHENANDOAH VALLEY NATIVE, RUSTY JOINED VINO NOCETO IN 1999 AND HAS BEEN WINEMAKER SINCE 2001. HE BEGAN HIS WINE CAREER PRUNING ANCIENT ZINFANDEL VINEYARDS AT THE HISTORIC GRAND PERE VINEYARD IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY. HE APPRENTICED UNDER SCOTT HARVEY AT RENWOOD WINERY, AND BECAME FAMILIAR WITH VINO NOCETO WINES WHILE CUSTOM CRUSHING IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

IN HIS ROLE, RUSTY GUIDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WINERY, AND HE DIRECTS VINEYARD OPERATIONS, ADVISING VINO NOCETO'S GROWERS. HIS EARLY VINEYARD WORK HAS GIVEN HIM AN UNDERSTANDING OF FRUIT DRIVEN, VARIETALLY ACCURATE WINES, PERFECT FOR VINO NOCETO'S STYLE AND APPROACH TO WINEMAKING.

STACEY GREGERSEN, WINEMAKER EMERITUS. STACEY JOINED VINO NOCETO AS WINEMAKER FOR THE 1999 HARVEST, AND HELD THAT POSITION FOR THREE YEARS. SHE HAS REMAINED AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE WINEMAKING AT VINO NOCETO, WHERE SERVES AS A TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO THE WINEMAKER AND OWNERS. STACEY HAS A DEGREE IN MICROBIOLOGY FROM CAL POLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO. HER TECHNICAL, AND ACADEMIC BACKGROUND HAS CONTRIBUTED HEAVILY TO VINO NOCETO'S PROCESS AND STYLE.

KEVIN O'NEILL, CELLAR MASTER KEVIN JOINED VINO NOCETO IN 2000 AND SERVES AS CELLAR MASTER. IN THAT ROLE, HE SNIFFS AND/OR TASTES EVERY BARREL OF AGING RED WINE MONTHLY. HE CONDUCTS REGULAR LABORATORY ANALYSES, REPORTS RESULTS AND CONFERS WITH THE WINEMAKING TEAM, MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION TO PRESERVE THE QUALITY AND CONSISTENCY OF VINO NOCETO WINES.

