



Yamhill Valley *vineyards*

Ariel Eberle — Winemaker



My winemaking career began as a harvest intern in 2008; from the beginning I intuitively knew that this place was something special. I wore many hats within the company before becoming the winemaker in 2016. I enjoy being involved with different facets of the company; winemaking provides a unique opportunity to combine my love for science and science-heavy background with the medium of wine that satisfies my artistic and creative urges.



Graduating from Oregon State University in 2005 with a BS in Biology and a Chemistry minor, my intention was to become a doctor, but I felt more at home in a vineyard than in a hospital or clinic. I have found my rhythm in the seasonality of winegrowing, which intrinsically has reverence for the ebbs and flows of nature. I feel increasingly in tune with this cycle year after year. I half joke that each vintage is a new “child” and that each harvest wraps up with a feeling of relief - yet there is a depression that sets in which I can only guess is similar to “post-partum”.

I have done extensive continuing education through the Chemeketa Wine Studies program based here in Oregon. Their focus is on the varietals that grow exceptionally in our cool-climate region. It was here I learned from amazing instructors like Barney Watson and Jessica Cortell, furthering my understanding of both Enology and Viticulture.



In my winemaking, I seek to lead by example, to embrace the opportunity to discover truths about our terroir by building on previous discoveries, and to honor the place and the legacy that the Burger family and Winemaker Stephen Cary have spent decades establishing.

Owning our own vineyards gives us the ability to fine-tune our winemaking style to let the fruit sing. Sometimes this means implementing modern resources which can elevate the quality of our product. Other times this means staying true to victories of vintages and winemakers past. Ultimately, my goal is to continually strive for improvement and find the ideal embodiment of the fruit this estate so generously provides.

Thirty-five Years Of Oregon Family Winemaking