Pietro Zanin

was born in 1881 in Rivamonte, Italy. He always believed that wine was an essential part of a meal so at an early age he bought a vineyard in the Soave (Verona) area to make sure wine would always be available at the dinner table. There would be no meal without a glass of wine and he would insist that all the grandchildren would have a taste of wine during lunch and dinner.

PIETRO ZANIN BORN 1881

Fortunato Zanin

also born in Rivamonte, Italy in 1904 took his father's stewardship of the land seriously. In his parting days, he passed on his father's advice to his own children, which was to appreciate the fruits that land could offer. It was with this mandate in mind that the 3rd generation of Zanin family members set out to cultivate their land.
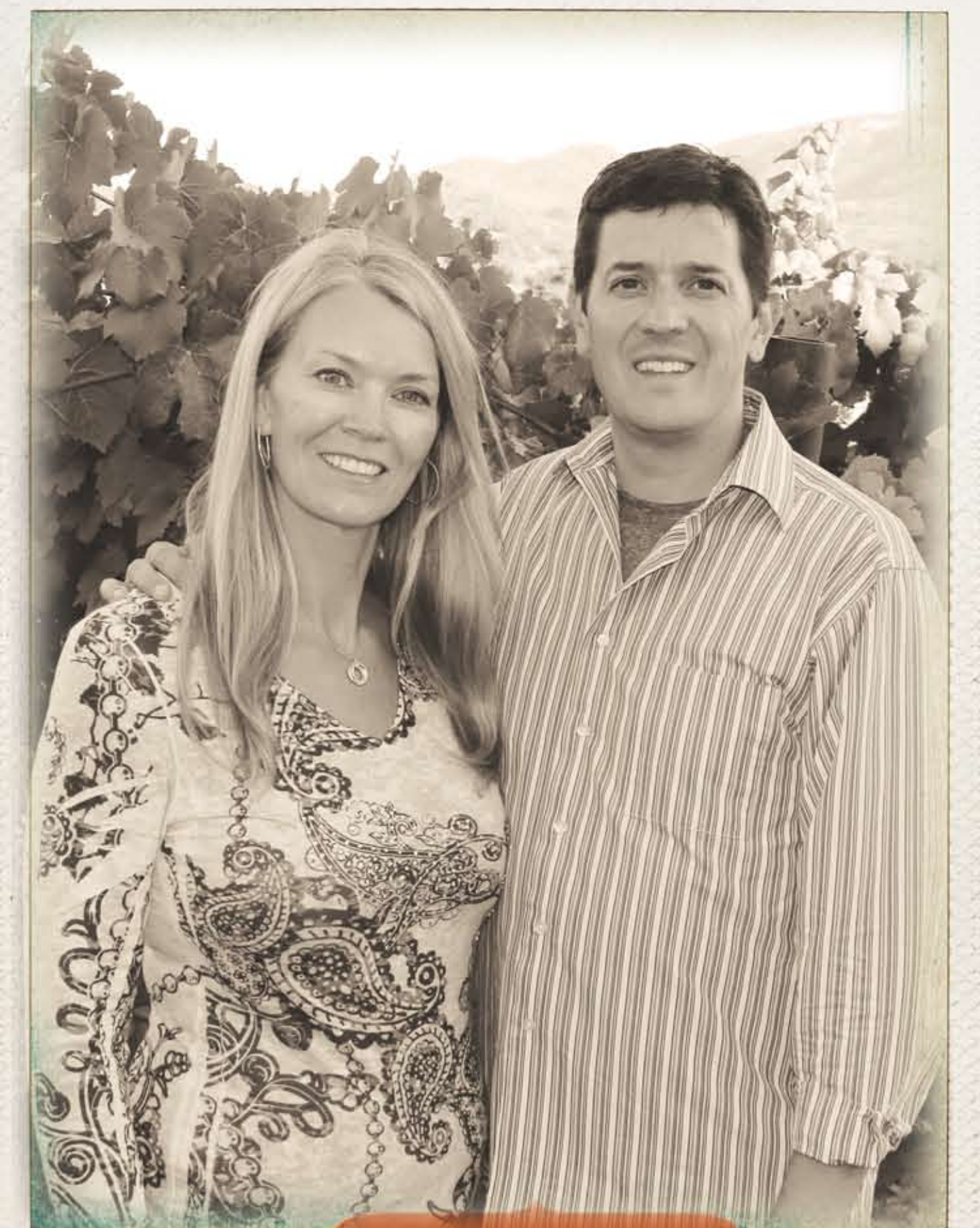
FORTUNATO ZANIN BORN 1904

Emilio Zanin

was born in 1939 in the small alpine village of Agordo, nestled in the Italian Alps. As a young child, he was fortunate enough to spend enjoyable times working and playing in his grandfather Pietro's vineyards. Years after Emilio immigrated to the US, his fond childhood memories led him to the vineyards of Sonoma County. In 2006 he purchased a Pinot Noir vineyard renaming it "Marina's Estate", in honor of his wife. In 2010, they proudly launched their inaugural 2008 Vintage Pinot Noir.

EMILIO ZANIN BORN 1939

Luca Zanin

was born in Flushing, New York in 1970. After college and following his father's lead, he purchased his estate that he renamed "Simpatico Ranch", the producer of Bennett Valley's award winning Chardonnay. Today, Luca and his wife Elizabeth live with their three children, Giovanni, Francesca, and Matteo on "Simpatico Ranch". They spend their time working and playing in the vineyards in the hopes that they will carry on their passion for growing grapes and making fine wines.

LUCA ZANIN BORN 1970

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