

VIE

WINEMAKERS

Bryan Kane

Winemaker

Bryan has been a wine enthusiast and collector for years. While his first exposure to the wine industry was as a consumer, his passion for distinct and interesting wine lead him to become immersed in the wine industry – first as a collector and then as a home winemaker. With limited access to unique Rhone varietals and limited allocations from top California producers like Sine Qua Non, Bryan found himself focusing on making wines from Rhone varietals, sometime blending in a little Zinfandel – another grape of great interest to Bryan



Through attending classes at UC Davis and learning as much as he could from the winemakers he respected, Bryan honed his winemaking skills. But, after years of begging top vineyards for “seconds” (grapes left on the vine by the purchasing winery) or commercial winemakers for a couple of hundred pounds of grapes for his home winemaking, it was time to take the next step. In 2004, Bryan was convinced by a friend (and fellow home winemaker) to begin making wine commercially at his crush facility. In a pursuit to share his passion for great Zinfandel and Rhone based wines with others, Bryan formed VIE.

Outside of his studies at UC Davis and learning through fellow winemakers, Bryan has worked harvest along side of several established winemakers. First, Bryan worked two harvests along side of Scott Shapley who worked as Assistant Winemaker at Siduri and Novy Cellars and currently heads up winemaking efforts at Roessler. Bryan continues to work along side of Scott as they both make their wines out of Copain’s crush facility. In addition, Bryan worked with Kian Tavakoli of Clos du Val and Opus One and Mike Zitzlaff of Girard and Yarra Valley’s Oakridge Estate in Australia. The experience working with Scott, Kian and Mike have been invaluable to the Bryan’s transition from a home winemaker to his commercial efforts at VIE.

Todd Seaver

Assistant Winemaker

Todd is a winemaker and wine lover. He began making wine with his family out of their garage in 1998, with a special focus on Zinfandel and Syrah. Having met Bryan while working out of the same wine making facility in 2004, Todd joined VIE as Assistant Winemaker in 2005. He brings a lifelong passion for wine and a belief that wine should be in balance and made to be complemented with food.

