



## STEVE DEVITT

STEVE DEVITT, VICE PRESIDENT OF WINEMAKING, HEADS ALL WINEMAKING AND VITICULTURE ACTIVITIES AT DARIOUSH. HE OVERSEES NEW VINEYARD DEVELOPMENTS AND ALL ASPECTS OF THE ESTATE'S WINE PRODUCTION. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF MICROCLIMATES, THE LOCAL SOILS AND THE WINES THEY PRODUCE ENABLE HIM TO CRAFT WINES THAT BEST EXPRESS THE CHARACTER OF EACH INDIVIDUAL VINEYARD.

A FIFTH GENERATION CALIFORNIAN AND SON OF A NAPA VALLEY WINEMAKING FAMILY, STEVE FOUND HIS EARLY CALLING WORKING ALONGSIDE HIS FATHER IN NAPA'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINEYARDS AND IN SONOMA'S RUSSIAN RIVER, WHERE HE DEVELOPED AN APPRECIATION FOR COOLER LOCALES. LATER, HE RETURNED TO SOUTHERN NAPA VALLEY TO FURTHER DEVELOP HIS STYLE - RIPE, STRUCTURED AND RICH, YET TEMPERED BY THE COOLING INFLUENCES HE DESIRES IN SELECTING VINEYARD LOCALES - CRAFTING EXPRESSIVE WINES, TRUE TO THEIR SENSE OF PLACE. THIS WAS THE FOUNDING PHILOSOPHY AND INTENTION HE SHARED WITH DARIOUSH UPON THEIR MEETING IN 1996.

AS A LIFETIME STUDENT OF HIS CRAFT, STEVE IS INTENTLY FOCUSED ON THE MASTERY OF CREATING WINES THAT ARE APPROACHABLE IN THEIR YOUTH, YET GRACEFUL, POISED AND AGE-WORTHY. HIS TOUCH IS FELT ACROSS THE PORTFOLIO HE AND HIS TEAM HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CREATE - BORDEAUX BLENDS AND SIGNATURE BOTTLINGS OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT, CABERNET FRANC, MALBEC AND SMALL LOTS OF SHIRAZ, CHARDONNAY, VIOGNIER AND SAUVIGNON BLANC. EMPLOYING MINIMAL INTERVENTION IN THE CELLAR AND METICULOUS ATTENTION IN THE VINEYARD IS CENTRAL TO HIS PHILOSOPHY.

