



## THE FREESTONE STAFF



### **BILL PHELPS** Co-owner

Bill is a member of the senior management team at Freestone Vineyards, helping to develop and implement Freestone's long-term vineyard and winery objectives. The son of founder Joe Phelps, Bill represents the second generation of Phelps family members in the wine business. He is also President of Joseph Phelps Vineyards in the Napa Valley.

Bill has been active in a broad range of civic activities, including the Land Trust of Napa County, the Napa Valley Community Foundation, and the St. Helena Choral Society. He is an avid pianist, choral singer and golfer.

Bill moved with his family to the Napa Valley in 1998 after he practiced law for 20 years in Southern California, specializing in the investment banking industry. One of his first projects after moving was assisting with the acquisition of land for Freestone Vineyards.

Born in 1954, Bill is a graduate of Colorado College and the University of California's Hastings College of Law. He and his wife Andrea live near St. Helena. They have two children, Allie and Will.

### **DAMIAN PARKER** Director of Winemaking



Born in Bismarck, North Dakota, Damian moved around a lot in his youth while his father was assigned to various hydroelectric projects with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Damian grew up in Healdsburg and attended Santa Rosa Junior College. In 1977 he went to work for Souverain Winery in Geyserville. In 1981 he began his career with Joseph Phelps Vineyards as bottling line supervisor, and became cellarmaster in 1990, a hands-on job overseeing the day-to-day winemaking operations.

In 1997 Damian was promoted to vice-president of production and in 2008 became JPV's Director of Winemaking.

Today Damian lives in Napa with his wife Carolyn. Between them they have five grown children: Graham, Sydney, Sarah, Samantha and Stacey.

### **THERESA HEREDIA** Winemaker



Theresa supervises Pinot Noir and Chardonnay production at Freestone under the guidance of Damian Parker, Director of Winemaking.

Theresa holds a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and also completed three years of study in the Chemistry and Viticulture/ Enology Ph.D program at U.C. Davis.

After Davis, she worked her first harvest in 2001 at Saintsbury, and in 2002 was hired as a Research Chemist for Joseph Phelps Vineyards. For the 2006 harvest, Theresa worked at Domaine de Montille in Volnay, and in 2008 returned to Burgundy for a brief pruning apprenticeship at Domaine Comte Armand in Pommard.

### **JUSTIN ENNIS** Assistant Winemaker



Justin came to Freestone in 2007 after nine years as cellar-master for Williams Selyem Winery in Healdsburg, as well as harvest supervisor and cellarmaster for wineries in New Zealand and Argentina, respectively.

Working closely with Theresa Heredia, Justin is responsible for all cellar work from barrel to bottle. He supervises the annual cellar crew during harvest and is the year-round maintenance supervisor for the winery facility, water treatment system and equipment.

Justin has taken numerous extension classes at U.C. Davis focusing on all aspects of viticulture and winemaking.

### **JOEL ROBLEDO, Vineyard Supervisor**



Joel was born in the small village of Atacheo in Michoacan, Mexico where close to 80 % of its residents are involved with grape growing in California. Four generations of the Robledo family have worked in the vineyards of Sonoma and Napa and Joel continues this proud tradition by teaching his son and young nephew the craft of growing and tending premium wine grapes.

Joel began his career at the age of 16 working for Sonoma-Cutrer

Vineyards. Now, with nearly 30 years of vineyard experience in Knights Valley and Napa Valley, this veteran of vineyard operations brings his talent and passion to the soil and vines of Freestone Vineyards.

Beginning in 2003, Joel supervises a year-round crew of 14 where he relishes the challenge of growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast appellations.

Joel lives in Windsor, CA with his wife, Hilda, and his son Joel Jr. In his spare time he enjoys tending his 100% organic and biodynamic vegetable and flower garden.

### **PASCAL MARCHAND**



#### **Consultant**

Pascal is an internationally acclaimed winemaker and past manager of Domaine de la Vougeraie as well as the estate of Comte Armand, Domaine des Epe-neaux in Pommard. He also consults for wineries in Canada, Chile, Uruguay and Austria. A French-trained native of Quebec, Pascal brings his expertise in Burgundian winegrowing to Freestone.