

CRAIG MACLEAN

MASTER WINEMAKER



Craig MacLean is a veteran winemaker, with over 24 years of experience in the Napa Valley.

He started out earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Science, and followed that up with a Master's Degree in Enology, both from the University of California at Davis.

Next came his hands-on education, in the form of two apprenticeships. First as a Harvest Intern under Cathy Corison and Mia Klein at Chappellet Vineyard, and then two years as Assistant Winemaker under Bob Foley at Markham Vineyards.

He then became a full-fledged Winemaker and authored his first wine (93 points, Wine Spectator) at Cain Vineyard and Winery. Since then his wines have received great acclaim. As Winemaker for Spring Mountain Vineyard he created four vintages. One earning a ranking of Number 17 in the World.

Next, Craig teamed up with Rawson Kelham to create Kelham-Maclean Wines, where two of his wines were designated a Wine Enthusiast Editor's Choice. Subsequently, Craig has served as independent winemaker for a host of vineyards, including Ahnfeldt, Vito Biella, Brookdale, Ilsey, and Juslyn. Craig is currently the Master Winemaker for JAQK Cellars.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

CHAPPELLET VINEYARD

Harvest Intern with Cathy Corison and Mia Klein

MARKHAM VINEYARDS

Assistant Winemaker with Bob Foley,
Winemaker

CAIN VINEYARD AND WINERY

Winemaker
- 1990 Cain Five: 93 Pts. W.S.

SPRING MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

Winemaker
- 1996 Reserve CS: 96 Pts. W.S.
- 1997 Reserve CS: 95 Pts. W.S.,
Top 100 Wines for 2001
and W.S. No. 17 in the World

KELHAM-MACLEAN:

Partner/Winemaker
- 1998 Sauvignon Blanc: San Francisco Chronicle's Top 100
- 1999 Reserve Cabernet: 93 Pts.,
Wine Enthusiast Editor's Choice
- 1999 Merlot: 93 Pts.,
Wine Enthusiast Editor's Choice

AHNFELDT VINEYARDS

Winemaker
- 2002 Merlot: 94 Pts. W.S.,
"Merlot of the Year"

VITO BIALLA VINEYARDS

Winemaker
- 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon:
94 Pts. W.S.

BROOKDALE VINEYARDS

Winemaker
- 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon:
93 Pts. W.E.

ILSLEY VINEYARDS

Winemaker
- 2004 Seis Primas 93 Pts. W.E.

JUSLYN VINEYARDS

Winemaker
- 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon:
95+ Parker)

JAQK CELLARS

Winemaker / Co-Founder

