

DANE STARK

OWNER & WINEMAKER AT PAGE MILL WINERY

WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO PURSUE WINEMAKING AS A CAREER?

My junior year in college was spent studying enology in Bordeaux, France. It was a transformational year, exposing me to wine as a food, as a way of life. I realized that the family business was my chosen path.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE WINE OR WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE?

I was beyond fortunate to experience a barrel tasting with two fellow California winemakers at Domaine De La Romanee Conti, or DRC in Burgundy... a rarity most French people can only aspire to. Pinot Noirs with exceptional pedigree and character. It made me realize that a wine can transcend the physical, and that wine is within reach to all winemakers.

ANY WINEMAKING TIPS FOR SOMEONE JUST STARTING OUT IN THE INDUSTRY?

Don't make small batches, it is harder to make 5 gallons than it is to make 500 gallons.

WHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS ABOUT YOUR JOB?

When you run a small winery, you have the opportunity to dress up for extravagant dinners of tasty delights and elegant evenings, and you also get to dig in the dirt, prune the vines that are your lifeblood, and be a farmer. You are equal parts scientist and artist, practicalist and inventor.

WHEN YOU ARE ALL WINE-D OUT, WHAT IS YOUR DRINK OF CHOICE?

It takes a lot of beer to make great wine, and the best beer is whatever the Page Mill Chief of Bubbles (Michael Curran) has brewed up and left on tap in the office fridge.

WHAT BRINGS YOU THE GREATEST JOY?

Equal parts moments of transcendence and my kids.

WHAT MOVIE QUOTES DO YOU USE ON A REGULAR BASIS?

"I'd rather be lucky than good", and one of these days, I'll be both.



"I try to restrain my impression of a wine, because as the winemaker, people look to you for guidance but this steers people away from their own experience with that wine."

- Dane Stark, Page Mill Winery



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PAGE MILL WINERY

PEACE THROUGH WINE, ONE GLASS AT A TIME

We began making wine in 1976 at the base of the Santa Cruz Mountains. In 2004, we moved to the serenity of Livermore Valley. Flagship wines include Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Estate Petite Sirah and GPS. We offer more than a dozen wines from the Livermore Valley and vineyard specific appellations. The winery is located within minutes of the downtown shopping district.

HISTORY

Page Mill Winery began in 1976 when Dick Stark was tiring of the travel associated with corporate America. While exploring Rheingau wine region in Germany on a business trip, he discovered his answer...he would start a winery! He and his wife, Ome, dug a hole under the family's Los Altos Hills home. He selected grapes from specific appellations, bringing the fruit back to the winery for production, and a winery was born!

Son, Dane, went away to school to study math and spent his junior year in Bordeaux, France. There he fell in love with the wine industry and upon his return, joined the family business for his first professional harvest in 1989.

After Dick and Ome's retirement in 1996, Dane ran the winery until 2004 when it became apparent that the location would no longer support the growth of the business. After looking in multiple appellations for a home, the winery was moved to the Livermore Valley.

With an eye to sustainability, Page Mill Winery is creating award winning wines, while supporting the community, the environment, and the public.

VARIOUS EVENTS

Page Mill Winery is the home of many fun events year round. Foster a connection to Earth with B.Y.O.B - Bring Your Own Bottle. On the 3rd Sunday of each month, bring your empty wine bottles and fill them with a red blend. There are also events based around music, like Music on the Patio, and community events like the Twilight Tastings. If you are looking for a more educational experience, attend In the Cellar where Dane Stark for an adventure of the senses. May all who enter as guests, leave as friends.



TASTING ROOM

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Tasting Room Hours

Thursday: Noon - 8pm
(Twilight Tastings)

Friday-Monday: Noon - 4:30pm



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