

## Bob Cabral

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DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING



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There is good reason Bob Cabral's name is synonymous with great Pinot Noir. With decades of experience in Sonoma County, Bob's passion, experience and the following for his work with the varietal is second to none.

From 1998 to 2014 Bob was winemaker for Williams Selyem. There, he led the winery into a new era, overseeing an expansion of new vineyard sources and bottlings for the brand, along with the construction of a state-of-the-art winery.

Bob's interest in wine and farming began in childhood, helping his grandfather make wine in a barn. Growing up pruning grapes, irrigating vineyards and harvesting grapes became routine on his family's 70-acre ranch near Escalon, CA. A fourth generation farmer and grape grower from the great San Joaquin Valley, he took all he learned at the family farm and applied it to his degrees at Fresno State University.

While in college, his passion for Pinot Noir became evident as he spent every spare dime, and a good chunk of his student loans, on buying wines from all over the world—mostly Burgundy and Russian River Valley Pinot Noirs.

After graduating in the early-1980s, Bob knew that Sonoma County was where he could best hone his skills and make wines to rival the best in the world. He spent 33 vintages in various winemaking positions: Associate Winemaker at DeLoach Vineyards, custom crush Winemaker at Kunde Family Estate, Winemaker at Alderbrook Vineyards and Winemaker at Hartford Court Winery, before taking his seminal position at Williams Selyem.

Bob's winemaking philosophy has remained constant throughout his career—to source and farm the best fruit possible, with minimal intervention in the cellar. He was awarded the 2011 Wine Star Award from the Wine Enthusiast as "Winemaker of the Year."

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*We believe in stewardship of the land, the vineyards, and the people. We are for real connections, real history, real wines; experiences you will never forget. We welcome you to our home, the Adobe, for an historic tasting in Sonoma.*

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