



## Robert Brittan

### WINEMAKER

A veteran of the wine industry since the early 1970's, Brittan began his career in the Central Valley of California. After managing a large wine production facility there for 5 years, Robert attended the University of California at Davis. Upon graduating with his degree in Fermentation Science in 1981, he re-located to the Napa Valley and became the first winemaker at Far Niente Winery, then moved to the winemaker position at St. Andrew's Winery.

In 1988, Robert was recruited by Stags' Leap Winery where he served as General Manager and Winemaker for 16 years.

In 2004, Robert fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning his own Pinot noir vineyard when he purchased 128 acres in the North Willamette Valley, where he and his wife Ellen grow Pinot noir and Syrah on a rocky, exposed site in the foothills of the Coast Range, within the McMinnville AVA.

In addition to managing his own vineyard and making the Brittan wines, Robert is the winemaker for Ayoub, Blakeslee, de Lancellotti, Ermisch Family, Fairsing, Lazy River, Winderlea and Youngberg Hill, sourcing fruit from all six of the Willamette Valley's sub-AVA's.

To stay current on the latest developments in viticulture and enology, Robert serves on the UC Davis Advisory Board. He also serves on the board of the Willamette Valley Wineries Association and the Oregon Pinot Camp Board.

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