



DREW BACKGROUND

Drew Family Cellars first germinated as an idea when Jason Drew helped plant his uncle's vineyard in the Stag's Leap District of Napa Valley in 1980. This interest in the land and the vine continued, with Jason earning his degrees in Agricultural Ecology, Viticulture and Enology. A passion and philosophy grew during the early years, when Jason managed world-class vineyards in Northern California. After a stint in Australia where he continued his quest to hone his winemaking skills and experience, Jason and his wife Molly returned to California. Discussions that had taken root years earlier when Jason and Molly first dreamt of having their own winery began to resurface. In 2000, they formed Drew while Jason was Associate Winemaker at Babcock Vineyards in Santa Barbara's Santa Rita Hills area.

In 2003, Drew was on its own. 2005 was another milestone year, when Jason and Molly purchased land, and designed and built their own winery in California's North Coast region.

As with any family business, everyone pitches in with whatever needs to be done. The Drews all have their areas of specialization as well, which results in a nicely balanced workplace. Jason selects those vineyards that he feels work best with the Drew philosophy. Jason leads the charge on winemaking and vinification, while Molly directs the marketing and administration efforts.

Jason Drew

Jason has over thirteen years of experience in the wine industry. After completing his studies in Agricultural Ecology with an emphasis on Viticulture, he managed a 70-acre vineyard on Mt. Veeder in Sonoma, and then developed and managed vineyards in the Anderson Valley. Deciding to further his winemaking skills, he enrolled in the prestigious Oenology program at the University of Adelaide. Returning to California in 1998, Jason worked in winemaking capacities at Joseph Phelps, Luna and Corison in Northern California before taking an Associate Winemaker position at Babcock Vineyards in the Santa Rita Hills of Santa Barbara County. After four vintages at Babcock, Drew Family Cellars was born. Jason strives to develop wines that are balanced, elegant and rich.

Molly Drew

Molly brings her tremendous organization and creative skills to the business. She and Jason are wife and husband, and she has shared the wine adventure that has become Drew since the early days in Northern California. Molly has learned the wine industry alongside Jason, and is a muse as well as the voice of reason as the winery became a reality. Having a great palate, Molly is heavily involved in tastings, vintage decisions and blending trials. In addition to managing the office, Molly is responsible for Marketing and Brand Management.