

Elk Cove Vineyards

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Elk Cove Vineyards was founded in 1974 by Pat and Joe Campbell. Pat and Joe didn't know it at the time, but they were pioneers of an up and coming industry in Oregon. In 1979, the Campbells' 1978 Riesling won gold at the Oregon State Fair, the Tri-Cities Wine Festival, and the Seattle Enological Society's annual tasting. In 1985, when Robert Parker of the Wine Advocate famously "discovered Oregon," the Campbells and other Oregon winemakers felt their region was finally on the map. Forty years later, there are more than 500 wineries in Oregon, and the wine business now ranks as one of Oregon's top agricultural industries. Winemaker Adam Campbell joined forces with his parents in 1995 and he now oversees six vineyard sites with 300 planted acres. As a second-generation winemaker and 4th generation Oregon Farmer, he is proud to continue his family's tradition of producing hand-crafted, Estate-grown cool climate wines that rival the best in the world.

Adam Campbell

Winemaker/Owner



Owner and Winemaker Adam Campbell is the son of Elk Cove founders Pat and Joe Campbell and grew up on the property. Like all the Campbell kids, he spent his summers in the vineyard and on the bottling line, but Adam developed a special connection to the vineyards. In 1995 he joined forces with his folks to make Elk Cove's wines and in 1999 he became head winemaker.

Living his whole life among the vines, Adam has a tremendous respect for the land on which the grapes were grown: "High quality wine really starts in the vineyard. The time I spend stomping through our 250 acres of vines not only helps us make good decisions in viticulture, it also informs our winemaking decisions. Good winemaking is a mixture of art and science... But at the end of the day I need great vineyard sites and impeccable farming to make phenomenal wines."

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