



TREVOR DURLING

GENERAL MANAGER AND CHIEF WINEMAKER

Trevor grew up in Sonoma County, at the heart of Northern California’s wine country, where wine was a staple at his family dinner table. Following high school, Trevor’s intention was to join the ROTC program at the University of California, Davis, and become an officer in the US Air Force, as his grandfather, a 37-year air force veteran, had done. After a brief time as an undergraduate at Davis, however, he enrolled in an introduction to winemaking class and was immediately enamored. Trevor realized that winemaking united his love of agriculture, science and cuisine, and transferred to the UC Viticulture and Enology program. After a harvest internship at the Russian River Valley’s Sonoma-Cutrer winery in 2003, Trevor worked two consecutive seasons for Gloria Ferrer winery’s sparkling wine harvests. In late 2005, Trevor joined Moon Mountain Vineyard, a small, well-regarded organic vineyard in Sonoma Valley. “Moon Mountain was a great place to start my career,” he says. “I got to work on exceptional, small-lot wines made primarily from Bordeaux-style grapes grown in mountain terroir.”

In March of 2010, Trevor joined Provenance Vineyards and Hewitt Vineyard as assistant winemaker, where his first contributions were integral to Hewitt Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 earning Wine Spectator’s 2013 #4 Wine of the Year. In early 2015, Trevor succeeded founding winemaker Tom Rinaldi and previous winemaker Chris Cooney in his appointment to lead winemaker. Trevor worked hand-in-hand with Tom and Chris, crafting highly regarded wines that continued a rich winemaking legacy until June 2017, when he took the mantle of chief winemaker at Beaulieu Vineyard.

At Beaulieu Vineyard, Trevor presides as only the fifth chief winemaker in the winery’s 117-year history, following esteemed previous chief winemaker Jeffrey Stambor. Respectful of and humbled by BV’s storied history, Trevor joins the winemaking team keenly aware of his role shaping the winery’s future. “Early in my winemaking career, I recall trying the 1968 Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon with a family friend,” he notes, “it not only left an indelible impression on me, but it shaped the path of my career and the wines I wanted to create. I’m honored to begin this new role at Beaulieu at such an exciting and pivotal time—entering a new chapter of growth and relevance in today’s market and culture—while preserving BV’s rich heritage and legacy.”

In addition to his career as a full-time winemaker, Trevor currently serves as an informal ambassador for California wine country to Travis Air Force Base, where he educates service members on Napa and Sonoma wine news. He is an active board member of the Rutherford Dust Society, which produces and supports charity events in the community including Auction Napa Valley, a four-day charity wine event sponsored by Napa Valley Vintners that distributes proceeds to 25 local and strategic initiatives to aid community health and children’s education. In his free time, Trevor is an avid golfer, snowboarder, enthusiastic fan of the San Francisco Giants, and has a passion for music, playing piano, trumpet and guitar. He also loves to barbeque, cook at home and explore wines of the world.