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WHETSTONE WINE CELLARS

Rising star winemaker Jamey Whetstone makes his mark with his namesake Napa Valley winery Whetstone Wine Cellars, a boutique wine brand with Burgundian and Rhône Valley inspiration.



A small, family-owned luxury wine brand located in the heart of Napa Valley, Whetstone Wine Cellars is one of the region's most promising up-and-coming labels with wines produced from California's Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast, and Napa Valley appellations. Owner/winemaker Jamey Whetstone found his way into the wine industry by pure chance while pursuing a career in the restaurant business - and today he can't imagine doing anything else. Along with his wife and business partner, Michelle, he is incredibly proud of his winery's growth and the number of accolades and ratings it has garnered over the years.

Born in Florence, South Carolina, Jamey Whetstone grew up the son of a Baptist preacher and moved around quite a bit before settling in Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1996, he relocated to Napa Valley to manage the popular Mustard's Grill, planning on gaining necessary restaurant experience before heading back home to the Carolina's to open a restaurant of his own. It turns out, however, that Napa had different plans for him.

Working at Mustard's, Jamey was exposed to many of the great wineries in Napa Valley and was inspired to pursue this newfound passion. In 1998, he took a job at Turley Wine

Cellars, working under winemaker Ehren Jordan as a cellar rat. He stayed at Turley for six years, working his way up to assistant winemaker - and only left for a bit in the summer of 2001 to work for the Seyess family at Domaine Dujac in Morey-Saint-Denis in Burgundy, France. Upon returning from France, Jamey set to work starting his own label and founded Whetstone Wine Cellars in 2002. He left Turley in 2005 in order to take the leap toward growing the Whetstone brand.

Whetstone Wine Cellars currently produces Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Viognier, and Syrah, all produced from either organically or sustainably farmed vineyards in the Napa and Sonoma areas.

In 2011, Whetstone's home was established in a magnificent 19th century French-style Chateau, located at the base of Atlas Peak Road in Napa Valley. The property is a local landmark and serves as the perfect expression for Whetstone's commitment to making high quality wine in the Valley.

The quality of Whetstone's wines coupled with the gorgeous setting, relaxed atmosphere, and southern-infused hospitality makes for a truly unique wine country experience. We hope you enjoy this special selection from Whetstone Wine Cellars. Cheers!

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER



Jamey Whetstone is the owner and winemaker for his namesake winery, Whetstone Wine Cellars. His winemaking approach is very minimalistic, using native yeasts and bottling without filtering, allowing the vineyards and terroir to shine through. In addition to Whetstone, Jamey is also a partner and winemaker for Manifesto! Wines and hires out as a winemaking consultant. Outside of the wine business, Jamey is kept busy with his four children and enjoys spending time with his wife Michelle, gardening in the summer months, and surfing whenever possible.

WHETSTONE 2013 'JON BOAT' PINOT NOIR

Whetstone's 2013 'Jon Boat' Pinot Noir was produced from a collection of vineyards throughout the Sonoma Coast, with the backbone being the Terra de Promissio Vineyard. Ruby in color, this Pinot Noir offers a big nose full of Bing cherry, cola, rose petals, forest floor, mint tea, and juniper, with secondary notes of vanilla, saddle leather, nutmeg, and tobacco. The full bodied palate exudes rich flavors of ripe plum, Big cherry, and blackberry pie. A finish of ripe cranberry, anise, and baker's chocolate lingers on the palate. Aged in French oak. 100% Pinot Noir.

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