

ST SUPÉRY
ESTATE VINEYARDS & WINERY
NAPA VALLEY

SKALLI FAMILY WINEMAKING
TRADITION + INNOVATION SINCE 1920

Michael Scholz
Winemaker

"The winemaker's choice of oak is like a chef's choice of ingredients. The barrels—we use only seasoned French oak—give us an opportunity for enhancing expression and encouraging structure and maturity with our Cabernet Sauvignons. The natural combination of the soil, the harvest season and the oak form the future of what you'll taste two years or many years later."

— *Michael Scholz*

Michael Scholz returned to St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery's in 2009 after an eight-year hiatus exploring other wine valleys, including his six-generation family vineyard in Barossa Valley, Australia. Michael is responsible for blending all 2007 and 2008 red wines from St. Supéry and the active vintages starting in 2009.

During his first tour at St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery, Michael created the distinctive style that made St. Supéry Napa Valley Estate Sauvignon Blanc a California benchmark for this varietal. Michael and vineyard manager Josh Anstey also started replanting St. Supéry's Estate vineyards in the late 1990s. And now Michael returns to the mature, fully estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon he helped to develop and plans to put his mark on it.

After consulting at St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery with Michael, celebrity global wine consultant Michel Rolland, of Bordeaux, praised the dual hemisphere, four-continent winemaker; "Michael Scholz is on my list of great winemakers from around the world," Rolland said.

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery is the largest family-owned, estate-produced winery in Napa Valley. We also have the largest family-owned Napa Green certified vineyards in the Valley.

Michael's winemaking career began with his family's single-vineyard Barossa wines at the Willows Vineyard in the mid-1980s. Wine has taken him to the United States, France, and South Africa. Always looking for great wine horizons, he progressed from family cellar hand to vice president in charge of building a state-of-the-art winery.

Michael completed his Bachelor of Science in Oenology in 1985 at Roseworthy, Australia's first agricultural college (now a part of the University of Adelaide).

Michael lives in Santa Rosa with his wife and two children.

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