



CLIFF CREEK CELLARS

WINEMAKER BIOGRAPHY

JOE DOBBES

Joe has been making wine in Oregon for over twenty-five years and his passion increases with each vintage. Driven to excellence in his art, Joe Dobbes is the consummate winemaker. Raised in a small town in the north Willamette Valley and educated in Ashland, Joe is a true Oregonian and is dedicated to Oregon wines.

Yet his calling began outside Oregon, in Germany and France, where Joe spent two and a half years learning the art and science of winemaking.

He apprenticed at Wiengut Erbhof Tesch, in the German Nahe region and at Domaine G. Roumier and Domaine Comtes Lafon in the Burgundy region, France, with winemasters Christophe Roumier and Dominique Lafon.

Upon his return to Oregon, Joe built upon his foundation of winemaking experience at several flagship wineries. In 2002, Joe realized his dream by establishing his own company producing handcrafted wines of esteemed quality.



“There’s a story in every sip, and it starts at the vineyard. I’m passionate about letting the grapes speak. We aren’t in the business of bending nature to our will — that never turns out well. Our job is to bring forth the flavors, the textures, the colors and aromas that the fruit is eager to share with us. And in Oregon, we are blessed with some of the best fruit in the world.”

~ Joe Dobbes

