



Our mission at John Tyler Wines is to continue the heritage of two world class wine and grape growing families in Sonoma County. Both the Bacigalupi and Heck families have contributed to the advancement of the California wine industry, helping it to become a leader in fine wine production. The two families have both received critical acclaim, the Bacigalupi's for providing some of the chardonnay fruit to Chateau Montelena to win the coveted Paris tasting and the Heck family for becoming a leader in the California Champagne industry. With more than 100 years of combined experience in the wine industry the two families have come together to create a private label, John Tyler Wines. John Tyler Wines is the end result of the John Bacigalupi's fruit and Tyler Heck's passion for winemaking. With now 3 generations involved we hope to continue both of these families' great legacies by producing unforgettable small lot wines under the John Tyler label.



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### **John Bacigalupi**



Raised on the same ranch that he farms today, John Bacigalupi has a lifetime of grape growing experience, beginning at an early age when he worked alongside his father in the vineyards. This longevity, more than 30 years of vineyard experience, has allowed him to develop an intimate knowledge of the vineyards' microclimates and soil structures. This has enabled him to match the most appropriate varieties, clones, and root stocks to the existing soil structures. Only such a deep understanding of the vineyards, the weather patterns, and other subtle factors has allowed the development of the ultrapremium grapes produced by the Bacigalupi vineyards. A true farmer, John was born with a love for the outdoors and for the land he

farms. An absolute perfectionist, John displays a strong desire to bring forth the finest fruit, (and now, the finest wines) that he possibly can. Now John and Tyler can bring forth the full potential of these quality grapes in John Tyler Wines.

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### **Tyler Heck**

A fourth-generation winemaker, Tyler Heck has developed many skills and a deep understanding of the wine industry. He gained this knowledge early in his life from his father and mentor, Patrick. Tyler's studies of enology, viticulture, and Ag business at both Fresno State University and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo have given him additional breadth and structure to the foundation gained at his father's side. Both during and after Tyler's graduation he was able to participate in industry internships and actual work experience at numerous diverse Californian and Australian winery and vineyard sites. Tyler's formal education has been complemented by his father Patrick, who exposed him directly to the wine industries of California, the Pacific Northwest, Australia and Europe.



Tyler and his father developed a unique and personalized work profile, which has allowed him to acquire a broad knowledge of the wine industry and its practices, both locally and globally. Tyler's experience has been diverse and extensive, ranging from large-scale corporate production to mid-sized partnerships to small-scale, family-owned boutique wineries. These facilities have been located in both Sonoma and Napa counties as well as several wine regions of Australia.