



Raymond Vineyards names new director of winemaking

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Raymond Vineyards, part of the Boisset Family Estates collection of wineries, said Stephanie Putnam is the new director of winemaking.

Putnam joined Raymond Vineyards in February of this year as part of a team that includes Kathy George, assistant winemaker at Raymond since 1990, winegrower Eric Pooler, consulting winemaker Philippe Melka and Director of Operations Jim Nagel.

“Stephanie understands the crucial role Raymond Vineyards has played in Napa Valley’s history,” said Jean-Charles Boisset, president of Boisset Family Estates. “We are thrilled to have her join our mission to build on the winery’s rich family heritage and pioneering spirit as we continue the Raymond Vineyards’ legacy.”

Before joining the Boisset Family Estates team, Putnam spent eight years as winemaker at Far Niente Winery where she made their house style more contemporary. Prior to Far Niente, she was part of the team at Hess Collection, where she began as a cellar worker and rapidly progressed to winemaker. While at Hess Collection, Putnam also worked with the winery’s South American partners. Throughout her tenure at these highly acclaimed Napa Valley estates, Putnam has focused on producing high quality cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay. Her wines have won acclaim, including recognition in the Wine Spectator’s Top 100, the Wine Enthusiast’s Top 100, and being named “The Wine News Cabernet of the Year.”

Putnam is a Northern California native and graduate of UC Davis with a B.S. in fermentation science. She developed her passion for winemaking at an early age thanks to her family’s appreciation of gourmet food and wine. She remembers many childhood trips to the Napa Valley where her parents would come to enjoy and collect wine. Putnam resides in Napa with her two large Labradors.