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## Winemaker Interview: David Ramey

As our regular readers know, we frequently pose a series of questions to a winemaker to probe their winemaking philosophy and to gain insight into how they became a winemaker. This week, we are pleased to feature [David Ramey](#) of [Ramey Wine Cellars](#).

David's storied winemaking career began as he graduated from U.C. Davis and interned at Jean-Pierre Moueix's Château Pétrus. Then, after working in California wineries like Matanzas Creek, Chalk Hill, Dominus Estate, and Rudd Oakville, David and his wife Carla founded Ramey Wine Cellars in 1996. Today, David's two children, Claire and Alan, also work at the winery. And in 2014, David founded Sidebar Cellars, which experiments with different varieties and regions.



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Check out the interview below the fold!

### **What new winemakers are you most excited about, and why?**

To be honest, they're the ones I know best because I work with them on a consulting basis: Greg Morthole and Justin Seidenfeld of Davis Bynum and Rodney Strong; Brian Maloney of Buena Vista and DeLoach; Ben Cane of Westwood; and Matt Hughes of Brassfield Estate.