

ANDREA CARD

SENIOR WINEMAKER



ANDREA CARD is the Senior Winemaker at Francis Ford Coppola Winery and works with all wine programs that they offer. In addition to her role as Senior Winemaker, Andrea is a current Board member of the Alexander Valley Winegrowers in Sonoma County. She is a fourth-generation Sonoma County native with roots of wine dating back before Prohibition, when her great-grandparents grew Petite Sirah and Carignane in the Alexander Valley.

In 2001, Card graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where she received a B.S. in Agricultural Business with a concentration in Farm and Ranch Management. Loving the wine culture, she decided to take her education further by completing the Winemaking Certificate Program at UC Davis. Card also was a member of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, an advanced leadership development experience specializing in growing leaders that make a difference.

After graduation from Cal Poly, she joined Benziger Family Winery in Sonoma County and continued to work for 16 years learning and developing her skills not only in wine production and winemaking but tending to the land with an emphasis in Sustainability, Organics and Biodynamics®. Andrea began her career at Benziger as a laboratory technician, moved on to become an enologist in 2003, and in 2005 added the role of lab manager to her responsibilities. She became the production manager in 2008 and was named assistant winemaker in 2014. After just eight months, she became winemaker, a position she held for two years. During her two decades at Benziger, Andrea managed many different activities, ranging from the lab to the cellar, to the crush pad and bottling lines. She transitioned to Ravenswood Winery in 2017, as its winemaker, remaining there until mid-2019. At that time, she joined The Prisoner Wine Company working on the Unshackled brand for a year as Senior Winemaker before moving on as Senior Winemaker at Francis Ford Coppola Winery.

Andrea loves everything about nature and processes. She is an avid competitor in Logging Sports, a sport derived from the traditional work in the woods such as log chopping, throwing axes and cross-cut sawing. When not competing throughout the country and Australia as a member of the U.S. Women's Team, she can be found on the lake water skiing, crafting, and enjoying time with family, friends, and pets. She lives in Santa Rosa with her husband, Casey, and daughter, Avonell. She is excited to be in Sonoma County sourcing grapes and making wines that have long been a part of her heritage.

