

Production Team

John Albin

Director of Winemaking/Grower Relations

A U.C. Davis graduate in fermentation Science, John began making wine in Washington at Associated Vintners (Columbia Winery) and planted his own 'Laurel Vineyard' in 1981. John's relationship with King Estate Winery began during the planning stages of the winery. His vineyard was chosen as one of the first private vineyards to provide fruit to King Estate Winery and he has enjoyed an enriching partnership with King Estate ever since. In 1999, John began working at King Estate as a crush supervisor and continued with that position for six years. Because of his long-standing association with King Estate Winery, John was invited to make wines under his own label. In February, 2005, he was asked to join the winemaking team full time as the Associate Winemaker.

Bill Kremer

Winemaker

Bill earned a Master of Science in Microbiology from the University of Washington and a Master of Science from U.C. Davis in Food Science-Enology. Bill joined King Estate in 1995. Bill directs the entire winemaking process and production staff, supervises bottling, coordinates packaging materials, and organizes the organic certification program for the winery. Before joining King Estate Bill worked as an Enologist for both Chateau Potelle in Napa and R.H. Phillips Vineyard in Esparto.

Lindsay Kampff

Winemaker

Lindsay Kampff joined the winemaking team at King Estate during the 2004 vintage. Lindsay earned a Chemistry degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2001 and completed the UC Davis Winemaking Certificate Program in the Summer of 2006. She is native to California and started in the Sonoma County wine industry working for J Vineyards and Winery and Jordan Winery. Also, Lindsay completed her first southern hemisphere harvest in the spring of 2004 for BRL Hardy's Houghton Winery in Western Australia. As the Assistant Winemaker at King Estate, Lindsay is responsible for quality assurance of our wines from harvest to bottling.

Meliton Martinez

Vineyard Manager

Meliton was born and raised in a farming community in Mexico. In 1993 he moved to Oregon and started work at King Estate Winery as part of the vineyard crew. Meliton worked hard to improve his English and took every opportunity to help out with different projects around the estate. In 1999 he was promoted to Vineyard Manager and is responsible for all vineyard activities including canopy management and soil care, mapping out locations of new & current vineyards and working with our winemaker to coordinate new plantings. He coordinates the critical scheduling of harvest for King Estate's vineyards in addition to the seven outside vineyards we contract with. Meliton has been instrumental in implementing and maintaining King Estate's organic farming practices.