



RAEMY PATERSON WINEMAKER Finding a passion for wine through her love of travel, Raemy brings her global winemaking perspective to Martin Ray from a place of exploration and appreciation for the old and new world. Upon earning her BS in Viticulture and Enology with a minor in French from UC Davis, Raemy traveled the world, working harvests in Bordeaux, Provence, and the Barossa Valley. After her global winemaking stint, she continued her stateside career with harvests at Mumm Napa, Ridge Vineyards Lytton Springs, and Jordan Vineyards.

Joining the team in 2018, this culmination of experience resonated in taking on a portfolio with a rich history in California winemaking that spans several appellations and varieties. Honoring the practices set by Ray, Raemy believes in a hands-off approach, with the dutiful practice of letting the wine speak for itself. By guiding the wine to its best expression, and not confining, nor forcing it to be something different, she finds reward in minimalist winemaking, even in more challenging vintages; allowing the wine to shine with little intervention, there are memories made, and kept, with a deeper understanding of sites and climate.

This dedication to typicity, alongside being a steward of terroir, she approaches each appellation, and vineyard, with thoughtful consideration and care. Her values and philosophy are set on crafting wines with a true sense of place, with a focus on nuance, complexity, and texture.

"Wine is a way to experience a specific place in the world. You can get to know its land, culture, and people just by trying the wines grown there. It's also this incredible time capsule. You can vividly and tangibly experience yesteryear just by opening a bottle."

Beyond setting her sites on developing several new programs at Martin Ray, she challenged herself to advance in her education, by earning her MBA in Wine business in 2023 from Sonoma State University. And while her deep interest in the industry continues to evolve, her principles will always be rooted in making wines that are an extension of herself – meant to be enjoyed with loved ones alongside good food and conversation.

Settled, for now, Raemy is honored to craft wines from her home in the Russian River Valley, as well as Napa Valley, and the Santa Cruz Mountains, paying tribute and carrying the legacy of Martin Ray.

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