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DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING LESLIE RENAUD

Former SCUBA diving instructor, US Forest Service employee and urban forester, Leslie Mead Renaud's path to becoming Winemaker at Martin Ray is far from boring. The daughter of a Navy officer, Leslie was born in Virginia, but lived in Honolul from the age of ten. After graduating high school and spending time as a diving instructor, she returned to the mainland to pursue a degree. Upon graduating from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources, she worked for the Forest Service in Oregon, hooting for spotted owls in the forests of Mt. Hood. Her career took a sharp turn when she realized her interests aligned with the balance of the wine industry: a combination of science and art. She gained experience working in wineries all over Northern California, including Sonoma County, Napa Valley, and the Santa Cruz Mountains. Leslie ultimately seeks terroir driven wines that are vibrant and balanced.

WINEMAKER RAEMY PATERSON

An adventurer by heart and self-proclaimed avid picnicker, Raemy Paterson brings her global winemaking perspective to Martin Ray as the enologist. 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. Thanks to her parents, she has had an interest in the world of wine from a young age; the child of a flight attendant and wine connoisseur, Raemy grew up traveling to Italian wineries getting lost in the countryside. After her global winemaking stint, she continued her stateside career with harvests at Mumm Napa, Ridge Vineyards Lytton Springs, and Jordan Vineyards. Settled, for now, in the Russian River Valley, Raemy enjoys crafting wines that allow the vineyards to shine with little intervention.

WINEMAKING CONSULTANT KEITH EMERSON

Keith Emerson's diverse winemaking is a testament to his love of wine and a deep understanding of the regions he sources from. After earning a degree from UC Davis in 1999, he went on to work at Cakebread Cellars and Gundlach Bunschu, eventually joining the team at prestigious Vineyard 29 in 2005 as Director of Winemaking. Led and mentored by Phillip Melka, and assumed the role of Vice President, Winemaking & Viticulture in 2018.

From the beginning of his now 20-year career in wine, he has worked alongside top growers, founded Emerson Brown, Sonria and At Large Wines, and consulted for several notable wineries, making wine in Napa, Sonoma, and Oregon. His detailed approach to winemaking coupled with an infinite wisdom of each vineyard he sources from, Keith has honed his craft, turning out top-rated wines each and every vintage. Joining Martin Ray in 2013, he has been an integral part of the team, acting as a key set of eyes and ears, keeping our finger on the pulse of Napa Valley.