



CHARLES CREEK

V I N E Y A R D

Kerry Damskey **Winemaker**

Internationally recognized winemaker Kerry Damskey has 25 years of winemaking experience, spanning four continents. He has spent his career gaining a better understanding of the entire ecology of wine, including the impact of climate, soil, sun exposure, and temperature on the grape growing and winemaking processes. Damskey brings both expertise and perspective to Charles Creek Vineyard. Like Andre Tchelistcheff, who Damskey worked with in the early 1970s, Kerry also believes that wine is made in the vineyards; furthermore, it is a winemaker's responsibility to artistically deliver what that terroir brings forth.

Graduated from U.C. Davis in 1976, with a B.S. degree in fermentation science, Damskey is also a graduate of an intense, small business program at Stanford University School of Business, and is a candidate of the Institute of the Masters of Wine.

In his early winemaking career, Damskey served as a wine judge for many wine competitions. "This experience," says Kerry, "helped me to define what's great about a wine and what's not, what has style and what doesn't. Then, I took that understanding into the vineyards. Being able to understand the flavors of viticulture's regional styles helped me to create expressive, stylist wines for each region that I've worked with."

Damskey talents have been twice honored with a "Sweepstake Awards" in the Sonoma County Wine Competition; additionally, Damskey has received numerous other "Best of Class" and "Gold" medals for his wines, many of which have been achieved for Charles Creek Vineyard wines.