

# CHATEAU MONTELENA WINERY

ESTABLISHED 1882

## **Bo Barrett - Master Winemaker**

James P. "Bo" Barrett has been the Winemaker at Chateau Montelena Winery since January 1st, 1982. Bo's career in the wine industry began in the summer of 1972, right after he graduated from high school, when his family purchased Chateau Montelena. He spent the first summer pulling star thistle in the old vineyard and picking up rocks in preparation for replanting.

In 1976 Bo transferred to Fresno State University, where he was an honors student in Viticulture and Enology. As 1981 drew to a close, Chateau Montelena's Winemaker left to pursue other opportunities and Bo was offered the job by his father, the winery's Managing General Partner. "When I told my dad I would think about it, I was concerned about what it would do to our relationship. I thought about it for two days and finally told him that I would need to have the freedom and professional respect he had shown the previous winemakers. He agreed, and that's the way it's been ever since."

Since 1972, Bo has been involved in every vintage at Chateau Montelena. His intimate knowledge of the Estate vineyard, gained over 30 years, provides him with a wealth of experience that allows him, year after year, to "bring the vintage and the vineyard to your table in a wine that is elegant, balanced and enjoyable."

When not making wine, Bo enjoys flying, scuba diving, skiing, and spending time with his wife, Heidi, and his three children.