

CHATEAU MONTELENA WINERY

ESTABLISHED 1882

Matt Crafton - Assistant Winemaker

A Virginia native who earned a B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Virginia in 2003, Matt resisted the siren call of Wall Street to start his career in the wine industry as a cellar rat at Virginia's largest winery, where he ultimately became its Cellar Master. After two years there he decided to enroll at UC Davis.

While in school, Matt joined forces with a consulting winemaker in Napa to produce high-end, small scale Cabernet Sauvignon. In 2007 he moved on to Etude to focus on Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet viticulture. After receiving his B.S. degree in Viticulture and Enology from UC Davis in 2008, Matt came to his senses and joined Chateau Montelena as our Enologist. In January 2010, he was promoted to Assistant Winemaker. Matt and his wife, Julie, make their home in the city of Napa.