

WONDERMENT™



### **Wonderment: Who we are - Terroir, Terroir...!**

Wonderment Wines produces handcrafted single vineyard designate wines. We specialize in Pinot Noir, Heritage Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Semillon & Sauvignon Blanc from premier vineyard sites in American Viticultural Areas (AVA) such as Carneros-Napa County, Oak Knoll of Napa County, Carneros-Sonoma County, Russian River Valley, Rockpile and Lake County. Working closely with top growers in these respective AVAs such as Dutton Ranch, Mauritsen, Bacigalupi and Hyde Vineyards our wines are focused on specific terroir where each wine represents the vineyards distinctive style and expression.

### **Owner & Winemaker: Stephanie Cook**

Born and raised in Leesville, South Carolina and a resident of Charleston the past 15yrs, Stephanie began traveling the world as a fashion model, living and working in London, Milan and Istanbul.

Landing back in South Carolina, this time in Charleston, she turned her lifelong love of food into a new career, earning her culinary degree and graduating magna cum laude at *Johnson & Wales University*. After staging in a restaurant in Milan, she returned to the incredible food, history and beauty of Charleston. Stephanie put her hospitality and entrepreneurial skills to the test, creating and leading the successful special events and catering company, *Bridgeside Events*, which she later sold.

All the while, her dream to become a winemaker waited patiently for its moment. After losing her Dad unexpectedly, the man who made homemade Muscadine wine in the laundry room, it motivated her to make her dream of being a winemaker a reality.

Not long after, she met Bob Biale of Robert Biale Vineyards and informed Bob that she was coming to work for him. True to her word, she worked the 2011 harvest in Napa, soaking up every bit of knowledge she could.

Also in 2011 while working harvest Stephanie bought her own grapes and made her first Pinot Noir and two Zinfandels. These three exciting wines constitute Wonderments current release and the realization of Stephanie's Dream!

In 2012, she continued honing her skills at Spottswoode Vineyard & Winery, a historic Victorian era estate in St. Helena. And, fell ever more in love with winemaking. In 2013, she worked as the senior intern at Anomaly Vineyards for acclaimed winemaker Mark Porembski. In spring of 2014 Stephanie decided to go down under to New Zealand, specifically to Marlborough and spent 8 weeks in the role of Vintage Winemaker for Spy Valley Wines. During the fall 2014 Napa/Sonoma harvest Stephanie worked harvest at Staglin Family Vineyard with winemaker Frederik Johansson.

The rest, as they say, is history - or, as we like to say, a balancing act.