



J.P. PIERCE
ASSISTANT WINEMAKER

J.P. Pierce joined the Clos du Val winemaking team as Assistant Winemaker in the summer of 2021, alongside Winemaker Carmel Greenberg. A Texas native with a lifelong travel bug, J.P. was intrinsically drawn to the wine industry because of the tight-knit community (and a serendipitous encounter with one fantastic French wine).

Possessing a broad and diverse skillset, J.P.'s expertise ranges from food and beverage programs at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company to nuclear engineering during his service in the US Navy. Eventually captivated by the wine industry, J.P. went on to study Viticulture and Enology at the University of California, Davis, and proceeded to traverse California, Oregon, New Zealand, Germany, and South Africa, learning how to craft exceptional wines of diverse styles.

Pierce's return to California brings with it his enthusiasm to continue to contribute to his new wine-making community both at Clos du Val and Napa Valley. JP came to us from Ponzi Vineyards in Sherwood OR, and served as a member of the Oregon Wine Board Grant Committee, a Panel Speaker at a number of industry technical tastings been a longtime volunteer and wine councilor at trade and public wine events. His muse continues to be found in wine grapes, but when he isn't getting his hands red in a ferment, he finds time to cook, wood-work, travel and enjoy life with his wife Heidi and dog Rhone.