



THIRD GENERATION OWNER and HEAD OF WINEGROWING
OLAV GOELET

In 2018, John Goelet, the founder and owner of Clos du Val for 46 years, transferred ownership of the winery to his six grandchildren, all between 25 and 33 years of age. Olav Goelet volunteered to represent his siblings and cousins as the third-generation family member who would manage and operate the winery daily. Today, Olav serves as Clos du Val's Head of Winegrowing as well as Chairman of the Board.

Olav is deeply passionate about farming and has continued the family's historic involvement in several agricultural and aquacultural companies around the world. He holds an international postgraduate degree in aquaculture from the University of Montpellier, and spent five years as the Director of Farm and Hatchery Operations for Island Creek Oysters in Massachusetts.

Upon taking the lead at Clos du Val, one of Olav's first priorities was to invite founding winemaker Bernard Portet back into an active role at the winery. Bernard and Olav now work in close collaboration with our winemaking and winegrowing teams, with a singular focus on creating the fresh, elegant, and expressive blends for which Clos du Val is renowned.

Olav resides in Napa with his wife, Page, and their two young children.