

Rick Davis, Proprietor & Winemaker

A life-long interest in fine food and artisan craft led, Rick Davis, Proprietor and Winemaker of Calstar Cellars, to the wine industry.

With graduate work in soil sciences and his first experience as a cellar-hand for Rivendell Winery, a small winery in New Paltz, NY, he quickly learned the trade and excelled to Winemaker. In order to pursue this newfound passion, his move to Sonoma County, CA left him in the perfect place to master winemaking and focus on Pinot Noir.

Rick has spent 20-plus years improving his process through experiences with Flowers Winery under Winemaker, Greg LaFollette, and as Consulting Winemaker with Londer Vineyards, Halleck Vineyards, La Czar Vineyards, and Alcina Cellars and developed Calstar Cellars, his own label, as an extension of these relationships.

He specializes in cool climate varieties like Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and has worked with many of the top producers on the Sonoma Coast. Rick's passion is to produce high quality, food-friendly wines that can be shared at every table knowing the bounty of the vine.



Vineyards

Starting Calstar Cellars in 2001, Rick Davis knew that 20 years in the industry had provided him the ability to select and source grapes from some of the most distinct vineyards in California. These vineyards include the rising star of Anderson Valley, known for unique Pinot Noir fruit, for which the Londer Estate Pinot Noir, is produced.

Sonoma Coast, known for the oceanic influence and rich soils, essential for fruit-forward California Pinot Noir for which the 2006 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast finds fruit from both the Sangiacomo and Halberg Vineyards.

Zinfandel is a favorite fruit of Winemaker, Rick Davis and making food-friendly Zin includes sourcing grapes from both the Cardinini Vineyard in El Dorado County for the 2006 Alta Zin, a balanced Zin with lean tannins and ageability and grapes from Lodi, a long-time location for Zin lovers for the 2006 ZaZa Zin, the perfect drinking wine for all meals.

Future winemaking endeavors for Rick Davis includes his first vintage of Sauvignon Blanc with his first release in 2009.

