

Winemaker Jay Turnipseed Joins Rutherford Wine Company

Rutherford, CA—April 20, 2017—Today, Rutherford Wine Company is pleased to announce Jay Turnipseed joins the company as winemaker. He will oversee all winemaking and production of the Napa Valley-based Rutherford Wine Company’s multi-brand portfolio.

Turnipseed comes to Rutherford Wine Company with a distinguished winemaking track record in Napa Valley and Sonoma. Most recently, he gained recognition for his Napa Valley wines as senior winemaker for Franciscan Estate and Mount Veeder Winery. Turnipseed also gained experience as an intern and an enologist at Gallo of Sonoma in the Russian River Valley. He holds a degree in viticulture and enology from University of California, Davis.

“In our family’s search for a head winemaker, we looked for a teammate who could translate our vision for our brands into distinctive wines across many price points. We found that in Jay,” remarked Morgan Zaninovich, General Manager of Rutherford Wine Company. “We anticipate his contributions will have a positive impact on Rutherford Wine Company.”



Turnipseed joins a talented winemaking team that includes Associate Winemaker Mike Chupp; Assistant Winemaker Jelena Rumora; and Cellar Master Terry March. He reports to the Rutherford Wine Company’s Vice President of Operations, Barry Bergman.

Family owned and managed for three generations, Rutherford Wine Company is dedicated to the art of crafting fine wine. Based in the renowned Rutherford appellation in Napa Valley, their extensive portfolio includes Rutherford Ranch Winery, Scott Family Estate, Predator Wines, Rhiannon Red Wine, Lander-Jenkins, and Round Hill California wines. The range of brands showcases the diversity of California’s many appellations and the unique personality of each site. These acclaimed wines, named some of Napa’s greatest values by critic Robert Parker, come from a family who is committed to sustainability, both at the winery and in the vineyard. The winery and estate vineyard are proudly certified by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance.

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