

**Daryl Groom  
Winemaker and Principal**

Generally, it takes Daryl Groom less than five minutes from his first greeting to have someone laughing. His innate wit and contagious laugh, coupled with his world-renowned winemaking talents, make him not only the best person to saddle up next to at the dinner table, but also a natural fit for Foggy Bridge Winery: the ideal place for people to enjoy the company of friends and family, sipping wine—two of Daryl's favorite pastimes.

According to Daryl, he had two reasons for joining the wine industry: an immediate interest in making wine after being introduced to it at home and sibling rivalry. "I was the youngest of four brothers and had to do something they would be envious of." It seems he made a good choice.

Since his early days of wrangling with his brothers, the Adelaide, Australia native has been tackling the wine industry one grape at a time for more than 25 years. His resume boasts experience at some of the world's most famed wine houses. Namely, Daryl spent more than 16 years at Penfolds in Australia where he was senior red winemaker, responsible for the reds of Penfolds including Grange Hermitage.

Daryl joined the team at Alexander Valley's Geyser Peak Winery in 1989 where he ultimately brought the winery more than two dozen national and international awards for "Winery of the Year" and "Winemaker of the Year." When Geyser Peak was acquired by Beam Wine Estates and the company grew, Daryl was able to further his experience throughout Northern California and the Central Coast working with a variety of wineries including Gary Farrell and Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards.

The opportunity at Foggy Bridge gives Daryl the chance to build a winery from scratch, develop his natural entrepreneurial instinct and bring his worldwide winemaking experience into the Foggy Bridge portfolio of wines. Daryl is also the winemaker and a proprietor of GROOM wines, situated in the Barossa Valley in Southern Australia, which produces Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz and Zinfandel.

A family man to the core, Daryl lives in Healdsburg, CA with his wife and four children, where he is likely planning his next family scuba diving trip or playing a competitive match of tennis with his wife.

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