



WILL WILES, Assistant Winemaker

WILL WILES MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY to Washington state's wine country from Western Washington at the age of eight, and he has been involved in viticulture and winemaking in one way or another ever since.

As a teenager, Wiles and his father planted a small vineyard at their new wine country home, which provided a hands-on opportunity to tend to the vines and a first-hand look at the vinification process. This early experience instilled a passion for winemaking and inspired Wiles to pursue a career in enology.

Wiles attended Washington State University and entered the renowned Viticulture and Enology program there, where he added a scientific and practical foundation to his prior home vineyard and winemaking experience. Midway through his studies, Wiles took a semester off to work a harvest at Snoqualmie Vineyards. There, he quickly became a valued member of the Snoqualmie team and was offered the opportunity to continue on part-time while he completed his education. Wiles worked the next two harvests at Snoqualmie while earning his degree.

After graduating, Wiles was offered a full-time position at Columbia Crest winery on their quality improvement team. In 2010, he worked harvest at Northstar winery, gaining exposure to the ultra-premium winemaking process. In 2012, Wiles became the enologist at Chateau Ste. Michelle's Canoe Ridge Estate winery, focused on the red wines of Washington state's oldest and largest winery. While at Chateau Ste. Michelle, he gained additional experience working with small-lot fermentations and with various tannin management techniques. In 2013, Wiles accepted the position of enologist at Col Solare and in 2017 he was promoted as assistant winemaker.



When not in the Col Solare cellar or out sampling great wines from around the world, Wiles is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys backpacking, biking, snowboarding, golf, and kayaking, among many other pursuits. He, his wife and two children live in Pasco, Washington.

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