

a.p. vin

ANDREW P. VINGIELLO, WINEMAKER/OWNER

Andrew grew up in a large family where wine was a staple at the dinner table. After tasting a bottle of 1998 Pinot Noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands region, Andrew discovered a new world of small, artisan pinot producers making bold, complex wines that were unlike anything he'd tasted before. At the time, Andrew had a successful career in the financial business as a buy-side trader for a firm in San Francisco. In 2002, Andrew decided to balance his day job with his desire to produce fine wines.

Andrew began working harvest for a well-known pinot producer. It was his close collaboration and budding friendship with the winemaker who introduced him to vineyard owners with famed properties producing world-class fruit.

While managing to keep his day job during production of the first few vintages of A.P. VIN, Andrew eventually decided, in 2005, to dedicate himself and his career fully to his passion for creating a unique wine to share with others. It was at this time that Andrew moved his production and winemaking from Lompoc to San Francisco, where he could tend to the wines closer to his home.

While over the past eight years Andrew learned a strong foundation of wine making skills from the winemakers and growers who influenced him, he has spent the last several vintages fine tuning his own unique wine making style. One of the overarching themes of his style is that the wine is made in the vineyard. Andrew feels fortunate to be able to purchase fruit from some of the most talented growers in the state, turning their fruit into unique bottlings that create the A.P. VIN family of vineyard-designate pinot noir wines.