

ST SUPÉRY
ESTATE VINEYARDS & WINERY
NAPA VALLEY

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“You are never finished improving. In all aspects of St. Supéry Estate, I am fortunate to be surrounded by a team that shares my desire to make fantastic wine and create amazing experiences.”—Emma Swain

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery CEO Emma Swain has more than 20 years experience in the wine industry. She says, “My world has always been one of continuous improvement. In wineries, I believe being estate grown is the only way to achieve this. From the soil to the supper table, we can continuously raise the bar.” Emma looks at accolades and achievements as starting points for the next step, saying, “I am always looking ahead. Anyone can make good wine in Napa - we want to make fantastic wine. Every time you enjoy a St. Supéry Estate wine, we strive for the ‘Wow’ experience. That requires a continual, sharp focus on what we are doing and how we can do it better.”

Emma graduated from the University of California at Davis. She started in finance, becoming a Certified Public Accountant before joining Niebaum-Coppola Winery, working with the team to reunify the historic Inglenook properties. She then worked at Sebastiani Vineyards and Winery for thirteen years, as Chief Operating Officer helping to reposition the fourth-generation family winery from its high-volume table wine to one of a respected high quality producer.

When Emma joined St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery and became CEO in 2009, she was impressed with the strengths of the people, the matchless property, and the rich history of the estate. The estate was founded and continues with a strong, long-term dedication to integrity in winemaking and viticulture, qualities she holds dear. During her tenure with St. Supéry, the winery has undergone a transformation in quality with extensive investments in the vineyards, winery and technology. The quality of the wines has never been better, reflected through highly acclaimed accolades including Robert Parker, Jr.’s comments praising the winery for “dramatically raising the quality level of their offerings.” This uncompromised commitment to quality is also seen through significant renovations of the Rutherford Estate property and grounds, including the historic 1882 Atkinson House, further enhancing the visitor experience.

Emma has worked in many disciplines throughout the wine industry including domestic and international sales strategy, hospitality, finance, administration, and human resources. Emma is passionate about making a resounding impact in her community. Emma is a current board member of Visit Napa Valley. She is a past chair and currently serves on the Board for the Wine Market Council. Having served as previous board member and chair of the Napa Valley Vintners, she continues her involvement with various subcommittees, as well as supporting numerous local non-profits.

In addition to her Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Managerial Economics from the University of California at Davis, Emma maintains her CPA license and several wine certification.