

DUCKHORN WINE COMPANY

MIKE WALLER

Winemaker - Calera



A Hollister native, Mike grew up just ten miles from Calera. As a homebrewer he discovered a passion for fermentations and caught the wine bug on a visit to Napa Valley. He was so serious that he attended UC Davis to study Viticulture and Enology. His first harvest at Saintsbury and a subsequent short stint at Beringer was followed by a move to the Central Coast in 2004 to work at Chalone Vineyard. He was hired at Calera in 2007, a great opportunity to make wine close to his roots.

Our wines would not be the same without our Cellar Crew. They work diligently through harvest, maintain our wine cellar, and bottle wines throughout the year. Abraham Corona, our Cellar Master, has been with us for over 30 years and helps manage the crew, which includes Adrian Baena-Montiel, Romeo Martinez, and Jose Torres.