



TYSON WOLF
Decoy Winemaker

As the winemaker for Decoy, Tyson Wolf makes appealing wines that express their full charm and complexity in their youth, while offering an unparalleled intersection between quality and value. A highly skilled winemaker with an artful approach to blending, Tyson is an expert with multiple grape varieties. He works collaboratively with the vineyard and winemaking teams to ensure that every one of Decoy's appellation-designated Sonoma County wines reflects the Decoy signature style, and its unwavering commitment to quality.

Tyson grew up in Napa Valley just two miles from Duckhorn Vineyards. In fact, his father was a high school teacher who once taught Duckhorn Wine Company President Alex Ryan. Though Tyson learned to make wine at an early age alongside his father, an avid home winemaker, Tyson didn't fall under the spell of wine until several years later, while he was earning a degree in biology from Loyola Marymount University. "Growing up in wine country, I think I rebelled against the idea of going into wine," says Tyson, "but then I grew older and I realized what an amazing thing it is to grow grapes and then turn them into beautiful wines."



Tyson began his winemaking career at William Hill and Mumm Napa where he worked as a lab technician before taking a position as the enologist for Rutherford Wine Company's Round Hill Winery. Over the next 13 years, he became an integral part of the Rutherford Wine Company team, where he learned from such skilled individuals as winemakers Bob Broman and Steve Rued. Tyson's talents and dedication enabled him to quickly progress from enologist to assistant winemaker to associate winemaker to, ultimately, winemaker. As winemaker for the family-owned winery, Tyson oversaw Rutherford Wine Company's entire portfolio, including Rutherford Ranch, Scott Family Estate, Lander-Jenkins and Round Hill—experience that gave him the opportunity to work with numerous grape varieties and regions.

In 2016, Tyson was named the winemaker for Decoy. "As a wine country native, I grew up knowing how important a role Duckhorn Wine Company has played in the story of California wine," says Tyson. "It's an honor to be a part of such an iconic and innovative company. It's also thrilling to collaborate with such a gifted team of winemakers. I am incredibly excited to build on the remarkable success that has already been achieved at Decoy, and to help ensure that its next chapter is just as dynamic."