



DAVID ADELSHEIM

David Adelsheim founded Adelsheim Vineyard in 1971. In his role today as winery president and co-owner, he focuses his attention on marketing and sales, financial planning, and overall direction of vineyard and winemaking activities. As the original winemaker he established the winery's focus on rich, complex Pinot noirs and elegant white wines.

His winemaking experience includes work at the experimental winery of the Lycée Viticole in Beaune, France and The Eyrie Vineyards in Oregon. His introduction to wine sales came with three years as a sommelier in Portland restaurants.

David attended universities in Berkeley, CA, Portland, OR, and Frankfurt and Berlin, Germany, and has a Bachelors degree in German literature. Prior to his entrance into the wine industry, he served in the U.S. Army, worked in personnel management at a bank, built musical instruments, and constructed museum installations.

Outside of the immediate interests of Adelsheim Vineyard, David has done work in four significant areas to benefit both the Oregon and American wine industries: grape and wine research, wine labeling, industry education and promotion. In 2006, he was honored with the Classic Wines Auction's Oregon Vintner Award for significant achievements in building the Oregon wine industry and establishing its reputation worldwide.

In recent years, David has helped the Oregon wine industry reach consensus on reorganizing its statewide organizations, helped create and nominate the members of the new Oregon Wine Board, was selected by the Oregon Governor to serve on the Board, and was elected as its first chair. In that position, he was also president of the Oregon Winegrowers Association. He has undertaken the process of helping the industry find its direction on a number of controversial issues, including labeling, taxation, marketing and research. Over the years, David has been honored three times by the Oregon Winegrowers Association for his "outstanding service" to the industry.