



Ken Abbott, GM and Winemaker

Midway through college, I went to Napa to stay with my aunt and uncle in St. Helena. While I had gone to play tennis, I quickly fell in love with the wine industry. From my family, I learned about our wine making traditions and production, which have always stayed with me. After graduating from WSU in 1992, I worked outside of the industry in Real Estate, Finance and Development. Not long after, my uncle Doug, who had winemaking in his blood, relocated to Gig Harbor, WA from Napa Valley. He began telling me about Red Mountain and how special of a place it is for grapes. Doug was a visionary in this area and I was lucky enough to learn and work with Doug for a long time. Slowly, I got more and more involved in the business aspects and production of Obelisco wine and eventually Doug asked me to be the GM of the winery. My hero, godfather, and friend, Doug, passed in 2017. As the GM, I carry on the family tradition of producing wine at Obelisco with my Aunt Betsy and as a steward of the family's style of wines. In honor of Doug, I and my amazing team at Obelisco carry on the love to help people "Celebrate Life."