

Nick Goldschmidt
WINEMASTER



Born in Auckland, Nick found his way to viticulture through a slightly tortuous route. After completing his Bachelor of Science at Canterbury, he ended up in a research position at Lincoln University in 1982. After a year of working in organics, plant breeding and in the small vineyard, Nick pursued a Diploma in Horticulture at Lincoln. From there he went to Charles Sturt University in Australia to study viticulture. Then, after three vintages back in New Zealand, he returned to south Australia to complete his post graduate degree in Winemaking at Roesworthy. His first vintage in California was in 1989 with Carneros Creek making Pinot and then Chile as winemaker for Caliterra. In 1990 became the VP/ Winemaker for the Simi Winery in California. During his time there he also developed his own brands: Forefathers and Goldschmidt Vineyard. Simi winery was owned by LVMH where he helped with Cloudy Bay NZ, Terrazas Arg and the Italian brand, Ruffino. Simi was eventually purchased by Constellation in 1999. In 2003 Nick became Senior VP / Winemaker for Allied-Domecq where he managed winemaking in California brands such as Clos du Bois, Atlas Peak, William Hill, Buena Vista and Gary Farrell to name a few, Argentina, Mexico, New Zealand, and Spain. In 2006 Allied was sold to Jim Beam and Nick continued on overseeing all California winemaking but now also including Geyser Peak and Wild Horse. Starting in 2008 Nick went full time on his own, making single vineyard wines and continuing to consult for 16 wineries in 6 countries. He also continues his fascination with new technology and biodynamics.