

Nick Goldschmidt is founder with wife
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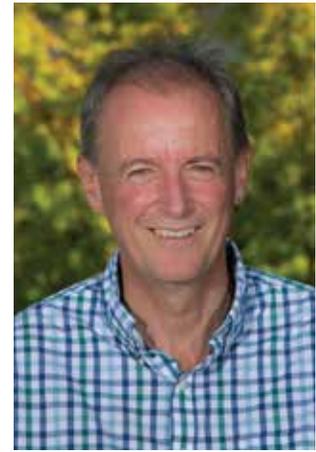


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FAMED CONSULTANT NICK GOLDSCHMIDT OF
GOLDSCHMIDT VINEYARDS BUILDS HIS OWN LEGACY

by Anthony Dias Blue

One of the world's most sought-after winemaking consultants, Nick Goldschmidt has made wine in his home country of New Zealand as well as Australia, Canada, Spain, Mexico, Portugal, Argentina, Chile, and California. Thirty years ago, he and his wife, Yolyn, moved to Sonoma, where they established Goldschmidt Vineyards and managed to raise five children as well. Among all the wines for which he's responsible, Goldschmidt is most proud of those that bear his and his daughters' names. Here are notes from my recent tasting with him.

Chardonnay, Russian River Valley (\$17)

Fresh and juicy with notes of melon and toast; complex and charming—an amazing value. **91**

Chelsea Goldschmidt 2017 Merlot, Salmon's Leap Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley (\$19)

Clean plum nose; silky and lush, juicy and smooth with bright plum, cherry, spice, and toast; long and balanced. **91**

Chelsea Goldschmidt 2017 Guidestone Rise Merlot, Alexander Valley (\$19)

Dark ruby color; plum and earth nose. Smooth, tangy, and softly tannic with plum and toast flavors; complex with a lengthy finish. **92**

Goldschmidt Vineyard 2016 Rendition Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$35)

Dense nose; intense and concentrated with deep plum and spice; toasty and balanced with an enduring finish. **93**

Forefathers 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Lone Tree Vineyard, Alexander Valley (\$45)

Deep crimson hue with a rich plum nose; tangy with notes of juicy plum, cherry, and hints of licorice; long and lovely. **94**

Goldschmidt Vineyard 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Game Ranch Vineyard, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$85)

Aromatic nose of herbs and toast; fresh palate with a velvety texture and flavors of deep plum, cherry, and soft herbs; complex and exquisite. **95**

Goldschmidt Vineyard 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Yoeman Vineyard, Alexander Valley (\$75)

Dark ruby color; smooth, lush, and rich with plum, black cherry, and spice; intense and long. **94**

Goldschmidt Vineyard 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Plus, Yoeman Vineyard, Alexander Valley (\$120)

Luscious berry and plum nose; creamy texture and juicy notes of boysenberry; toasty, dense, and long, with power and finesse. **96**

Goldschmidt Vineyard 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Plus, Game Ranch, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$150)

Clean earth, spice, and toasty aromas. Smooth and lush with plum, pomegranate, vanilla, chocolate, and sweet oak; a stellar expression with length and balance. **98**

Goldschmidt Vineyard 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Ultimatum, Double Rock, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$500)

Deep, dark ruby color; lush plum nose. Concentrated and complex palate of blackberry, cherry, and spice with toasty and sweet oak; amazing and very long. **97** ■■



Boulder Bank 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Fitzroy Vineyard, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$18) Tangy passion fruit and citrus. Pure, bright, and racy; long and charming. **92**

Forefathers 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Wax Eye Vineyard, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$20) Fresh with bright citrus and herbs; complex, rich, and bracing. **91**

Goldschmidt 2018 Singing Tree

Katherine Goldschmidt 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Stonemason Hill, Alexander Valley (\$21) Showing rich berries and plum, it's smooth and spicy, with depth and complexity. A great value. **92**

Hilary Goldschmidt 2016 Charming Creek Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$45) Dark ruby color; deep and rich with plum, spice, and chocolate; juicy, lush, and long. **93**