



Jon-Mark Chappellet
President

Throughout a career spanning a quarter century, Jon-Mark Chappellet has established himself as a viticultural and winemaking innovator, and a master at growing Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. As President, Jon-Mark oversees Clos Du Val's storied estate program, which includes 350 acres in Stags Leap District, Yountville and Carneros. He also guides Clos Du Val's estate winemaking program, working alongside Winemaker Ted Henry to create wines that eloquently express their vineyard roots. Jon-Mark is helping to write an exciting new chapter in the Clos Du Val story, which includes a renewed commitment to the finest viticultural practices, an almost exclusive focus on estate wines, and a shift to a more vivid and alluring style.

The son of renowned vintners Donn and Molly Chappellet, Jon-Mark was raised on Napa Valley's famed Pritchard Hill, where he learned about winegrowing from the ground up. After earning a degree in conservation and resource studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and spending several years as a high school social sciences teacher, Jon-Mark returned to Pritchard Hill in 1991. Over the next two decades, he earned a reputation as one of the valley's most respected winegrowers, helping to elevate Chappellet to global renown, while also establishing its wines as New World benchmarks for mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon.

In 2015, Jon-Mark joined Clos Du Val as director of operations. He was then promoted to President of Clos Du Val winery in 2019. "I grew up as part of one of Napa Valley's great pioneering wineries, and spent almost a quarter century helping it to realize its full potential," says Jon-Mark. "Clos Du Val is cut from the same cloth. It is an iconic winery, with a rich history, and some of the finest vineyard land in California. It's incredibly exciting to be a part of writing a new chapter in the story of such an important winery."

In Clos Du Val's estate vineyards, and in the winery, Jon-Mark focuses on implementing positive, big-picture changes, while keeping a close eye on the small details that define quality. In the vineyards, Jon-Mark tailors the farming techniques to every vineyard block, with a focus on building soil fertility, vine balance and lowering yields. Building on this work, in the winery he champions a style of winemaking that captures the essence of Clos Du Val's remarkable estate vineyards, especially its Hironnelle Estate Vineyard in the Stag's Leap District. "We are blessed with ideal locations," adds Jon-Mark. "There is no limit to how extraordinary the wines from our estate vineyards can be."

In addition to his role at Clos Du Val, Jon-Mark is extremely active in the local wine community, and is a strong supporter of land preservation efforts. He is a past president and current board member of the Napa Farm Bureau, and an advisory board member to the California Climate & Agricultural Network.