



14 HANDS

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KEITH KENISON

Winemaker, 14 Hands Vineyards

Winemaker Keith Kenison began crafting wines for 14 Hands when the winery was first introduced in 2005. Keith manages day-to-day operations and leads production trials of the wines.

Keith has over 20 years of experience working with Washington state wines. He joined Ste. Michelle Wine Estates as a cellar worker in 1992, where he learned firsthand the art of winemaking. In 1997, Keith moved to Columbia Crest Winery, and was promoted first as a quality assurance technician, and then to an enologist. His talents were quickly recognized, and he was promoted to assistant winemaker in 2002.

“I take a practical approach to winemaking and let the fruit express itself,” Keith says. “I guide it to its final destination with as few manipulations as possible, making every decision by taste, because ultimately, that’s what matters to the person buying a bottle. I love making a style of wine that I enjoy, and experience great satisfaction knowing others appreciate it.”

Born and raised in a small farming community in Oregon, Keith attended Eastern Oregon University and graduated in 1990 with a degree in Psychology. Now, he laughingly uses this education to keep himself sane during the long hours of harvest.

Continually walking the vineyards and tasting fruit, Keith hand crafts soft reds and fresh, crisp whites that capture the essence of the Horse Heaven Hills.



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