

## Kellie Duckhorn ~ General Manager Baldacci Family Vineyards

The daughter of Dan and Margaret Duckhorn, Kellie moved to St. Helena in 1973 and grew up around her parents' Napa Valley winery, Duckhorn Vineyards. At the age of 12, Kellie worked her first harvest, picking grapes at the famed Three Palms Vineyard and helping in the winery with bottling and labeling. In addition to being at the heart of California's emerging wine industry, Kellie also had the opportunity to experience a French perspective on wine when she traveled to Bordeaux as a teenager to live with the Nadalié family of Tonnellerie Nadalié—an experience that heightened her understanding of the classic, European approach to wine. In 1982, this understanding of an old-world approach to winemaking was further enhanced when Kellie worked the harvest at Margaux's revered Château Palmer.



After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, Kellie traveled extensively through Europe before returning to the United States, where she worked part-time at Duckhorn Vineyards while attending UC Davis to study Agricultural Economics. In 1991, she joined Duckhorn Vineyards fulltime, starting at an entry-level position and working her way up to vice president of marketing and sales.

With deep roots in the wine community, Kellie has remained in the Napa Valley holding wine related jobs including General Manager of Ehlers Estate and Director of Sales & Marketing for Via Pacifica, an import and distribution company based in Shanghai that was founded and run by her brother, David. She made her first trip to China, in April 2012 and says, "China is everything that you've heard it to be...only better!"

In January 2015 Kellie accepted the position of general manager for Baldacci Family Vineyards. Working alongside president and owner, Michael Baldacci, Kellie has helped to champion the winery's three estate vineyards with special attention directed to the flagship Stags Leap District production and vineyard site. "The Baldacci Family is genuine in every sense of the word. They are focused on building a wine brand and a place for generations to enjoy the best of Napa Valley. Everything about this place feels exceptionally right!"