



JOHN HAMEL

Director of Winegrowing

John leads winegrowing at Hamel. He is committed to producing wines that reflect the character of the unique volcanic terroir defining Hamel's estate vineyards.

John came to wine with a passion for organic farming and also a deep connection with the philosophies and practices of the Slow Food movement – both have informed his winegrowing approach. He and his team apply a micro-terroir-based winegrowing approach in which the vineyard and winemaking practices are adapted specifically to the volcanic soils across Hamel's vineyards.

In addition to his work exploring the micro-terroirs of the Hamel estate, John has led the transition of the majority of its vineyards to dry farming and has instituted organic and biodynamic vineyard management practices under the conviction that these practices are a natural extension of the winegrowing program's focus on achieving purity and balance in wine.

John resides in Sonoma with his wife and three children.