



Biographies

John Anthony Truchard

John was raised in a grape-growing family by parents Tony and JoAnn Truchard where he learned all stages of vineyard development: acquisition, land preparation, planting, vineyard management and working with wineries.

After studying economics at University of Davis, John started a small vineyard management business in the mid-1990's. In 1997 he began to lease and plant his own vineyards. Together with wife, Michele, they have developed three distinct brands - John Anthony Vineyards, FARM Napa Valley, and JaM Cellars.

JaM Cellars includes California wines - JaM Cabernet, California Candy Rosé, Butter Chardonnay, and Toast Brut Sparkling. Plus JaM Napa Valley Cabernet, and Butter Napa Valley Chardonnay.

Michele Truchard

Michele is a fourth-generation Napan, hailing from the Crane family, Napa vintners. Michele earned her Bachelors degree in Nutrition and Dietetics, with extended study in Neonatal and Pediatric Nutrition and Development. She began her career in nutrition at UCSF Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospitals in San Francisco.

After meeting John Anthony Truchard, their calling brought them back to Napa and the wine industry as proprietors of John Anthony Vineyards, bottling their first vintage in 2003. In 2005, Michele dedicated herself full-time to John Anthony Vineyards. Since then, Michele and John have started two further wine labels: JaM Cellars in 2009 (JaM is actually short for John and Michele); and FARM Napa Valley in 2012. As vintner for the John Anthony Family of wines, Michele helps oversee the extensive portfolio.

Jeff Kandarian, Winemaker

Jeff studied Enology and Chemistry at California State University of Fresno earning his Bachelor of Sciences degree. He has working at wineries in the Paso Robles AVA and Oregon, including Justin, Eberle, Del Rio Vineyards and Winery, and King Estates.

In 2014 Jeff connected with John Truchard, relocated to Napa and took over winemaking for the portfolio ranging from the signature Estate wines of John Anthony Vineyards to the artisanal, hand-farmed FARM Napa Valley and easy-to-love California wines of JaM Cellars.