



**JANET MYERS**  
DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING

*“Cabernet Sauvignon truly expresses a sense of place. Franciscan’s estate vineyards in Oakville are the perfect location to devote myself to exploring Cabernet and its nuances.”*

– Janet Myers

Raised on a working farm in the Midwest amidst peach, apple and nectarine orchards, Janet initially pursued a college degree in Biology and a doctorate in Biological Anthropology. Taking a break from graduate school, she moved to London, where she worked in the restaurant industry. In the months that followed, Janet made frequent trips to the continent’s great winegrowing regions including several visits to Italy and her mother’s ancestral home of Sicily, where her family made wine. The experience of drinking artisanal wines at their source among beautiful vineyards and wineries steeped in culture and history was life changing: “When I realized that this was an industry that combined my love of science with my family’s agricultural background, I knew I had found my true calling as a winemaker,” recalls Janet. “I enrolled at UC Davis and haven’t looked back since.”

While still in school, Janet worked her first harvest at the Robert Mondavi Winery. After graduating from UC Davis with a Master’s in Enology, she gave in to further wanderlust. Wanting to connect on a deeper level to her Italian roots by spending more time in that country, Janet turned to the winemaker at Tuscany’s famed producer, Antinori, who offered her a harvest internship at the Santa Cristina Estate in Chianti.

Prior to her tenure at Franciscan Estates, Janet enjoyed experiences in Australia’s Margaret River region, worked with renowned California Cabernet producers Beaulieu Vineyard, Stag’s Leap Wine Cellars and Louis Martini. Janet’s experience working in diverse wine regions gives her a unique perspective, which she applies to the vineyards and wines at Franciscan Estate today - continuing the heritage of Franciscan Estate wines, while also incorporating her own style.



When not in out in the vineyards or at the winery, Janet enjoys tending to tomatoes in her vegetable garden, hiking, volunteering at the local animal shelter, listening to blue grass and exploring the produce-driven cuisine at local Napa restaurants or at home with friends.

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