

## Don Brady

Winemaker / Director

In July 2001, Robert Hall welcomed Winemaker Don Brady to Robert Hall Winery. Don, a 1984 graduate of Texas Tech University's horticulture program, joined the pioneers of the new Texas wine renaissance re-establishing a thriving winegrowing industry. In 1991 Don was awarded the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association highest honor, the "Louis F. Qualia" Award for outstanding contributions and leadership in the Texas wine industry. Presidents Ronald Regan and George Bush were served Don's wines at several White House functions, in addition to English royalty - Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles.



Following this successful tenure with Texas icons Pheasant Ridge Winery, Llano Estacado Winery, and Ste. Genevieve Wines, the Brady's relocated to Paso Robles, California. Here Don was first employed as senior winemaker at Delicato Family Vineyards where he earned worldwide acclaim for his part leading the team to receipt of the International Wine and Spirits Competition's "United States of America's Winemaker of the Year" Award, bestowed for their wines cumulative performance.

Since joining Robert Hall Winery the wines Don has crafted have earned their place at the forefront of Paso Robles offerings. So much so that in 2006 Don was named the "Central Coast Winemaker of the Year" by the California Mid-State Fair. Following this honor, in 2010 Robert Hall Winery bested more than 600 wineries representing over 3000 entries and became the first Central Coast ever to be awarded the "Golden State Winery of the Year" award by the California State Fair, the oldest and most prestigious wine competition in North America.

Presently Don continues to reside in Paso Robles leading the team at Robert Hall with the goal of "capturing the essence of the vineyard and fashioning quality wine by coaxing the best product possible out of each vine." With twelve years of working with fruit from the same vineyards, Don and his team deliver a consistent house-style that is food-friendly and age-worthy.

