



**1/27-Micahel Horn & Nicole Nielsen visit with Elliott Dolin and Michael Baldacci**



**Michael Baldacci - Operations Manager, Baldacci Family Vineyards**

As a member of Tom Baldacci's four sons, Michael's passion for his father's legacy is a manifestation of how special a family-owned winery truly is. Michael is a resident of the winery so you can count on hearing his exuberant laugh around the winery either in the tasting room or keeping a watchful eye on the grapes and aging wine barrels.

Exceptional quality wine all begins with a passion. "My passion is one rooted in family," Michael says, "a passion to

produce honest wines that best embody my family's love for great wine and the unique estate vineyards that Baldacci represents."

Though he was born and raised in the Bay Area, Michael Baldacci spent many days as a young boy walking his family's vineyards. Struck early on by the delicacy with which man and nature must work together to make beautiful wines, Michael returned to Napa Valley as an adult to become part of the team at Baldacci Family Vineyards. New to the business but a veteran of the land, Michael took on a managerial role at the winery after four years of undergraduate study in Los Angeles with the same goal his father had had nearly twelve years before: to make wines that represent the character of the land, the grapes, and the family Baldacci represents.

A boutique winery with their first vintage dating 2000, Baldacci Family Vineyards focuses strictly on single-vineyard, estate-grown wines. Our total acreage includes the original 17-acre estate in the heart of the Stags Leap District, as well as a 20-acre property in Carneros. Our newest addition to the estate in 2013 was an additional 8.5-acre property in Calistoga, a warmer micro-climate of Napa Valley whose lush fruit perfectly complements the Cabernet Sauvignon from Stags Leap. Total production approaches 6,000 total cases each year, nearly all of which are single-vineyard, single-varietal wines expressing their respective terroirs.

Michael can be found all around the winery, from the cellar to the tasting room, behind a desk or in the vineyards he first walked as a child.

"The Stags Leap District is an iconic area of Napa," he believes, "and our family's wines strive to show each and every consumer why it is truly the best area in the world to grow world class Cabernet."

**A Culinary Evening with the California Winemasters & the Stags Leap District Winegrowers**

Are going into their 25th year, and to celebrate, we've put together one of our finest "kick-off" dinners to date! Won't you join us?!

**A Tribute to Van Vlahakis, Kelly Vlahakis-Hanks & Earth Friendly Products at the Cabana Room at Island Hotel Newport Beach**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 – 6:30pm

Hosted by Stags Leap District Winegrowers

Featuring Vintners Michael Beaulac & Elizabeth Vianna with a Menu by Executive Chef David Man

Tickets - \$185 Per Person (\$105 is tax deductible)

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