

Timothy Milos

Winemaker

A sixth generation Bay Area native, Timothy grew up exploring the hills of rural west Marin, building houses in the summer, reading, and cooking. In addition to diverse interests in philosophy, history and politics, Timothy pursued Plant Pathology studies at New York's Cornell University and graduate level research in Enology and Viticulture at California's U.C. Davis. While in New York, Timothy discovered the winemaking going on in the Finger Lakes area. Here at last he found an intersection for his passions -- science, history and art, all tied to the land, the seasons, and the work of one's hands. Timothy has made wine ever since. In 1997, he began working his way up the Napa Valley wine ladder, starting out as a research enologist at Opus One, moving on to Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, and eventually directing winemaking at Cliff Lede, and the former S. Anderson. "My intention is to work with the Rubissow vineyard to create modern wines of complexity and finesse that reflect the unique land they come from," says Timothy. "It is a great pleasure to work with a family and team who has such a deep respect for the land, for the crafts of winegrowing and winemaking, and for the tradition of excellence created by their forebears." Timothy's wines debuted with the stellar 2004. Since then he has crafted 12 Rubissow vintages and counting. He lives in Napa with his wife and two children.



Barbara Jura

Wine Club & Merriment Director

Barbara has always had a natural love of the grape - so she's right at home at Rubissow. Born to a large farming family in Fresno, California, she is an original "Farmer's Daughter". After spending many summers working in the vineyards and fig orchards of her family's business, Barbara chose to attend Fresno State University and study Interior Design and Art History. (After growing up on a vineyard it makes perfect sense right?) Now years later, after the twists and turns of life, Barbara is back in agriculture via a stint in Las Vegas as a chef. Her innate gift for making people feel welcome in any environment is what drew her to the hospitality and wine education side of the wine industry. Barbara's goal is to one day become a Master of Wine, sharing with the wine-curious the simplicities of wine basics and it's salutary effect on one's body and soul! BJ's an essential member of our wine family.



Ramon Pulido

Vineyard Manager

Ramon is a longtime resident of Sonoma and all round grape growing expert. Originally from Tototlan in Jalisco, Mexico, Ramon has raised all his kids here in wine country and is especially proud of his two sons, both of whom served in the US Armed Forces - his eldest serving two tours of duty in Iraq as a US Marine. Before his position at Rubissow Vineyards, Ramon worked at Domaine Chandon where, over a 23 year period, he rose through the ranks from field worker all the way up to Assistant Vineyards Manager -- supervising multiple crews on multiple properties totaling 1000+ acres. While managing Domaine Chandon's Mt. Veeder vineyards, he became fluent in the unique challenges that come with growing extraordinary grapes, worthy of the greatest appellation wines, in such a rugged hillside environment. Today, working closely with Timothy, Ariel and Peter, his strategic improvement of vineyard quality is apparent in the enhanced depth and complexity of the new Rubissow wines.



Peter Rubissow

Second Generation Vintner - General Manager

Peter Rubissow leads the next generation Rubissow wine company, embarking on the adventure of reinventing his family brand in the spirit of the future. As sales director for the former Rubissow--Sargent brand, and general manager for the new, Peter continues to blend a livelihood in wine with the passions of his early life: music and the outdoors. Born in 1961 and raised in San Francisco, Berkeley and Europe, Peter studied jazz composition at Boston's Berklee College of Music, and then soil science and ski racing at Colorado State University. As a young man, he worked as a farm hand on Mt. Veeder's trailblazing Veedercrest Vineyards, and later with his father during the lay out and planting of Rubissow Vineyards in the 1980s, learning from the ground up from seasoned Mt. Veeder foreman Enrique Villalobos and trusted advisor



Andre Tchelistcheff. Throughout the 90s and early 00s Peter travelled the nation building a loyal brand following amongst sommeliers, chefs, restaurant staff and retailers. Ultimately this led to he and his sister partnering to acquire and reinterpret their father's brand. He and his wife live in Napa Valley. He believes that in an era of impersonal, industrial-scale farming and wine production, a small family vineyard expresses the heart and soul of wine. "It's about regionality of taste, personality of place, and the dedication of those who steward and work the land" he says. "Making small lots of locally produced wines is a deeply satisfying way for me to share the mystery and beauty of this land with our friends, fans and family."



Ariel Rubissow-Okamoto

Second Generation Vintner

Ariel Rubissow Okamoto enjoys putting some of her long-held beliefs in living lightly on the land into practice through sustainable farming. She has overseen vineyard operations for over ten years. In her other life, she has been a freelance writer covering environmental issues, with a focus on California water, ecosystem restoration and urban design. In the early 1990s, she worked actively to build the community of mountain growers, winemakers and neighbors that is now the Mount Veeder Appellation Council, and served as Council Chairperson for several terms. A graduate of Wesleyan University, she is married to a "green" architect; has two precocious daughters; favors milk chocolate, Sauvignon Blanc and the color purple. She dreams of winning a Pulitzer Prize for her future tomes and enjoys the workout of walking the ranch's steep hillsides, the taste of dirt on the ripe fruit, and the extra wrinkles and freckles of life on the land.

George Rubissow

Rubissow-Sargent Founder - Vintner Emeritus

Born in Paris, France to Russian and Ukranian parents, George grew up in New York city, where as a young man he studied piano, composed music, and built radios and hi-fi systems. He graduated from MIT with degrees in Physics and Electrical Engineering and from U.C. Berkeley with a PhD in Biophysics. Since then, his career has encompassed consulting engineering and biotelemetry, international business, music and art promotion, and a passion for grape growing. In the 1960's, he met Tony Sargent and struck up the friendship that was to lead to the purchase of the Rubissow's Mt.Veeder estate, the planting of Bordeaux varietals, and the making of Rubissow-Sargent's elegant red wines by Tony. George also struck up a friendship with, and gained invaluable advice from, the legendary winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff. The two enjoyed conversing together in Russian. In the years since, George has continually refined the Rubissow family's approach to growing red grapes. He keeps close tabs on innovations in viticulture and enology, and brings his science background to bear on decisions concerning the many subtle factors that affect grape quality. Now, in his new role as Vintner Emeritus, he enjoys working with his children Ariel and Peter as they carry on the family tradition of single vineyard winemaking he began 33 years ago.