

The Counselor

NICK GOLDSCHMIDT — WINEMAKER BIO

“It is the land that provides the ultimate counsel. With more than 20 years of experience in the Alexander Valley, I take my time; listening to the land for guidance, interpreting the elements, and sharing the creation – that is my role as Winemaker.” Nick Goldschmidt



Nick Goldschmidt is an esteemed winemaker with over 30 years of experience. A native New Zealander based in Healdsburg, California, Nick is renowned locally and globally for his contributions to winemaking and viticultural advances.

With a degree in Viticulture and a Post Graduate of Oenology from the University of Adelaide at Roseworthy, Nick began his career in 1982 with research positions in horticulture and viticulture. Nick then embarked on harvests abroad travelling to Australia, New Zealand, California, and Chile and Argentina, giving him an amazing range of winemaking experiences.

In 1990, Nick and his wife, Yolyn Goldschmidt, settled in Healdsburg, CA, as Nick assumed the role of Vice President and Chief Winemaker at Simi, pioneering their Land Slide program with a strong passion for the Alexander Valley region. Simi was first owned by LVMH and subsequently Constellation while he was there. Nick then moved on to hold Vice President and Executive Winemaker roles at Allied Domecq Wines and Beam Wine Estates overseeing Buena Vista, Clos Du Bois, Gary Farrell, William Hill, Mumm Napa and others covering eight countries.

In 1998 Nick and Yolyn established their own family winery with the release of Goldschmidt Vineyards. Their company has grown to include Forefathers, Boulder Bank, Three Daughters, Chacras, Fidelity and The Counselor. Goldschmidt wines are all single vineyard, 100% varietal, handcrafted; small production artisan wines that truly express their unique site.

Nick has received a variety of awards and accolades throughout his career including Winemaker of the Year in 1998 by *Mead on Wine*. He is a published author and has written numerous articles for the *American Society of Enology and Viticulture* and also is a prominent panelist and contributor to the wine industry's leading technical forums.

More than 100 of Goldschmidt's wines have received 90 points and above from *Wine Spectator*, *Wine Enthusiast* and *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, and 20 wines have been included in *Wine Spectator* Top 100.

