

# BURGESS

## NAPA VALLEY



### Biographies

#### Steve Burgess



Steve grew up on the Burgess property in Napa Valley. He attended St. Helena High School and, after graduation in 1990, he enrolled at the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly). While at Cal Poly, he studied several disciplines and served for one year as the president of the schools' 750 member ski club. In 1995, he graduated with a degree in agricultural systems management, a minor in agricultural business and a certificate in wine marketing.

For the next seven years, Steve sold wine for brokers and distributors in the San Francisco Bay Area and worked for a short time in a restaurant operated by a James Beard award-winning chef. He pursued an interest in teaching, which he first noticed in high school as a camp counselor. Steve received his teaching credential in high school physics and subsequently taught at two schools in Novato, Calif., where he still lives. To this day he has sustained an interest in teaching and enjoyment of sharing positive experiences with others ever since.

At a Memorial Day barbecue in 2005, his father, Tom Burgess, persuaded Steve to return to the family business. He has worked full-time at the winery since September 2005 in sales and marketing. Truly his father's son, he also does some carpentry, electrical and plumbing work, welding, automotive repair and harvest-related work – just to round things out, he says. In December 2006, Steve was elected to the Wine Service Co-op board of directors for a three-year term.

Steve is married to Marne, who is a family nurse practitioner. They have a 5-year-old daughter, Kira, and a 3-year-old son, Brandon. In his rare free time, Steve enjoys swimming with his kids, mountain biking, carpentry, old four-wheel drive vehicles and restoring classic Airstream trailers. Steve also loves to cook, especially experimenting with food spices and wine pairing, creating rich sauces and barbecuing.