

CLIFF LEDE

VINEYARDS

Travis Bullard **Winemaker**

As winemaker, Travis Bullard works alongside director of winemaking Christopher Tynan to oversee day-to-day winemaking operations and the management of the wine production team. In addition to working in the cellar, Travis represents the winery at key trade and consumer events

A native of Santa Cruz, California, Travis completed a BS in Agricultural Business from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, in 2008. While studying, Travis was introduced to the dynamic wine culture of Paso Robles and the Central Coast through participation in the on-campus wine club and volunteer opportunities at local wine events, such as Hospice du Rhône.

Travis began his career as an intern at Korbel in Sonoma during the 2007 harvest, where he worked as a lab technician in the production of sparkling wine. In 2008, upon graduation, he took on a cellar internship at Sonoma-Cutrer, where he worked with its small portfolio of Pinot Noirs. He later secured an internship in the cellar at Summerwood in Paso Robles working with Rhône varieties under noted winemaker Jeff Cohn.

After moving to Napa Valley in 2010, Travis accepted an internship at Cliff Lede Vineyards. From first taste, he fell in love with the Cliff Lede portfolio of wines and knew he wanted to specialize in Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. Upon completion of his internship, Travis joined the team as a full-time lab technician. In 2012, he was promoted to enologist, and by 2013, he was promoted to assistant winemaker - the same vintage that Cliff Lede Vineyards received their first 100-point score. In 2016, Travis was appointed associate winemaker, a title he still holds today.

Travis lives in Yountville with his wife and their three sons. Outside of winemaking, he enjoys playing golf, traveling, and anything athletic.