



ALDENALLI

DAN KOSTA, PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER

Dan Kosta has over 20 years of experience in the Sonoma County wine industry, specifically as THE leading producer of ultra-premium California Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

A native son of Sonoma wine country, Dan's lifelong love of food and wine led him to a career in the restaurant industry, utilizing skills learned as a child to navigate through a series of world class restaurants as a back waiter, waiter, bartender, maître d', operations manager and finally as wine director at the acclaimed John Ash & Company in the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County. It was there that Dan and his business partner Michael Browne founded Kosta Browne Winery in 1997. As a founder of Kosta Browne, he oversaw an unprecedented marketing program that included never before seen growth in Direct-to-Consumer sales, as well as managing a nation-wide distribution network.



Dan's accomplishments and contributions to the American wine industry are numerous. From industry volunteerism to children's advocacy philanthropy, Dan continues to leverage his network for giving back to community through AldenAlli Winery. Some of Dan's past and ongoing accomplishments:

- Chairman, 2016 Sonoma County Wine Auction
- Board member, Sonoma County Vintners Association
- Board member, Emeril Lagasse Foundation
- Board member, Sonoma County Harvest Fair
- Trustee, Destin Charity Wine Auction
- Board member, Family Winemakers of California
- Panelist, multiple industry trade shows and symposiums
- Wine judge, Sonoma County Harvest Fair, San Francisco Chronicle Citrus Fair, San Francisco Wine Competition, among many others.



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THE GENESIS OF ALDENALLI WINERY

AldenAlli was founded by two self-made names in wine and food: Kosta and Lagasse.

The son of a wine collector, Dan Kosta was adept in the environs of fine dining from a young age. In his early career, Dan worked his way up the ranks from backwaiter to Wine Director at the acclaimed John Ash & Co. in Russian River Valley. The success of Kosta Browne Pinot Noir, combined with Dan's passion and extensive hospitality background, established him as a natural leader in the global wine industry.

The Lagasse family needs no introduction for their many contributions to the culinary world. A philanthropist at heart, Alden Lagasse co-founded the Emeril Lagasse Foundation with her husband to help children realize their full potential through culinary, nutrition and arts education.

The friendship between Dan Kosta and Alden Lagasse grew from the love of sharing exceptional food, wine and hospitality with others— often for philanthropic causes. Over many dinners and family memories the AldenAlli collaboration was born in 2013. Today AldenAlli crafts cool-climate, terroir driven wines to share with their extended wine family all over the world.