

Dr. Tom Kenefick

Our goal every vintage is to create from each vineyard block a finely balanced wine – one with all of its structural elements united in seamless harmony. As a terrior driven winegrower who focus is our estates variables, this simple philosophy allows us to make wines from the ground up.

The farming decisions that affect quality – matching row alignment, vine spacing, rootstock and clonal selection to a specific site is imperative. Farming techniques that result in increased tannin and color in the maturing grape also enhance flavor and aroma. During the growing season, canopy management, including leaf pulling, shoot removal and hedging, is essential. To achieve ideal ripeness, multiple fruit thinning passes remove more slowly developing berries that would lag behind at harvest. Water management is critical in order to maximize extractable tannins – the foundation of rich, full textured Kenefick Ranch wines.

Tom lives on the ranch and his hands-on approach drives every aspect of the vineyard operation. He is consistently in the vineyard – inspecting the vines, learning, refining, and improving the process. With Kenefick Ranch he is both honoring his past and leaving a legacy for the future.

