

# Pahlmeyer



## Meet Our Winemaker

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Jayson Pahlmeyer has a track record for tapping rising stars as his winemakers - from Randy Dunn to Bob Levy, then Helen Turley and Erin Green.

Finding a winemaker to follow in the footsteps of these legends was no easy task. But in 2012, Jayson named Bibiana González Rave as winemaker for Wayfarer, crafting new wines exclusively from his estate vineyard on the extreme Sonoma Coast. She immediately went to work meticulously optimizing the vineyards and realizing his dream to create world class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. In 2016, her role expanded across all of the Napa Valley operations and Pahlmeyer winemaking.

“I’ve always been drawn to cutting-edge winemakers with verve and vision,” says Jayson. “As soon as I met Bibiana I knew that she was the new era for Pahlmeyer and perfectly suited to the wines and estate vineyards she oversees.”

A native of Colombia, Bibiana González Rave was trained in Bordeaux, and earned her Diploma of Oenology with honors from the University of Bordeaux. She went on to work at Chateau Haut-Brion, La Mission Haut-Brion and Chateau la Dominique in Bordeaux, as well others across France including Michel & Stephane Ogier, Domaine Clusel-Roch, Domaine du Scheidecker, Domaine du Devevey among others the world over. She has made wine in California for the past two decades, for wineries such as Lynmar Estate, Peay Vineyards, Au Bon Climat and Qupe.

“I consider it to be a privilege to be a part of the next thirty years of the Pahlmeyer legacy,” says Bibiana. “Our goal is to honor the exceptional fruit we have the advantage of working with— grapes from our longtime grower partners and from our estate vineyard. The whole winemaking team is driven by details. We treat every single block as a different entity, giving laser focus to its unique quality and tailoring our winemaking to enhance its individual personality. As it is in Bordeaux, at Pahlmeyer we believe that when we understand the distinct components of each varietal, each block, we are able to blend for full, powerful expression of Napa Valley.”