



## WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

### ERIK KRAMER, WINEMAKER

As winemaker for WillaKenzie Estate, the acclaimed producer of single-vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Erik Kramer leads all winemaking and cellar operations. He has been working in Oregon's Willamette Valley since 2004, where he has built a reputation for world-class wines of finesse and balance.

A scientist by training, Erik worked as a hydrogeologist in the petrochemical industry before combining his passion for science and appreciation for fine wine into a career. He spent a few seasons in Washington as a harvest cellar worker before pursuing a postgraduate diploma in viticulture & oenology at Lincoln University in New Zealand, where he graduated with honors. Kramer went on to craft wine in New Zealand before moving to the Willamette Valley.

Prior to joining WillaKenzie Estate, Erik crafted highly-regarded wines for Domaine Serene and Adelsheim Vineyard. He also holds a degree in geology from Florida State University, which he draws on today when considering the relationship between terroir and wine quality.

When not at the winery, Erik enjoys spending time with his family at his wine country home in McMinnville. ♣