

Like the renegade Bordeaux winemakers known as garagistes, Taft Street began in a garage – than a grand chateau – stressing quality without pretense.

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CHARDONNAY
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY



Our handcrafted wines are perfect for any occasion, best enjoyed when surrounded by friends and family.

The term “garagistes” originated in Bordeaux in the 1980s and refers to innovative winemakers who produce exceptional wines in their garages rather than in grand chateaux. Since 1979, we have carried on the garagistes tradition of creativity and excellence in a down-to-earth locale.

From a backyard Berkeley garage to a former apple processing plant in Sebastopol, California, the family at Taft Street is proud to craft limited production, crowd pleasing wines from select Sonoma County vineyards.

winemaker **melissa kuhn**

After moving to Sonoma County in 2005, Melissa fell in love with the wine industry while working as a lab intern, then took a permanent job at Owl Ridge Wine Services, a custom crush facility in Sebastopol. In 2011, Melissa was promoted to Production Manager working directly under John Tierney, who happens to be Taft Street’s first winemaker.

In 2017, Melissa was excited to join Taft Street as Head Winemaker and continues to create outstanding wines here in the Russian River Valley.

our **philosophy**

Taft Street wines are priced to be affordable pleasures—wines that can be enjoyed every day. Our winemaking practices and business principles allow us to make exceptional wines at highly competitive prices.

With a strong sense of place and family, we continue in the garagistes tradition, crafting small lot, exciting, and approachable wines. We take pride in the wines we make, and our core philosophy challenges us to be better year after year.

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