



WENDY STUCKEY

CHIEF WINEMAKER

SPY VALLEY WINES, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

Wendy Stucky became the Chief Winemaker at Spy Valley in July of 2019, creating a full female winemaking trio with Wendy as Chief, Richelle Tyney (Winemaker) and Emily Gaspard-Clark (Assistant Winemaker).

Wendy is an internationally acclaimed winemaker whose career has taken her all over the world. Her most recent role has been Chief Winemaker at Constellation Brands New Zealand, overseeing production of the Kim Crawford and Nobile brands since 2015. Prior to this she spent seven years at Chateau Ste. Michelle in Washington and 18 years in the Barossa Valley region of Australia, including several years at Wolf Blass where she was responsible for some of the company's iconic white wines.

Originally from South Australia, Wendy first trained as a radiographer before deciding to switch careers and enrol at Roseworthy Agricultural College to learn about wine.

When it comes to Wendy's winemaking approach, she strongly believes the wines must show a sense of place. "Whether that be a single vineyard wine or a regional wine or even a New Zealand wine." Sauvignon Blanc, just like Riesling she says, is very much a wine that clearly shows that sense of place. She is renowned as a white winemaker, with Riesling in particular helping to pave her career.

Her accolades as a winemaker are prestigious and numerous, winning many gold medals and industry honors over her career. In addition to the accolades for her wines, she has been recognized as one of the Top 20 Most Admired Winemakers in the North American wine industry and included in intowine.com's Top 100 Most Influential US Winemakers. Wendy also has extensive experience as a judge in wine competitions worldwide.

Wendy is married to her kiwi husband and has three teenage children.

