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I am a 1975 graduate of the winemaking program at the University of California at Davis.

In 1975, I became Assistant Winemaker for the Taylor Wine Company in Hammondsport, New York and in 1976 to Winemaker for all of Taylor's sparkling, table, and dessert wines. In 1980, I was appointed Senior Winemaker for Taylor and Great Western wineries and in 1985, Technical Director for Taylor, Great Western, and Gold Seal wine companies.

Throughout my tenure, both Taylor and Great Western wineries received numerous awards for outstanding wine quality and new product development including Lake Country Soft Wines, Great Western Varietals including Ice Wines, Great Western Champagnes and Taylor Sherries and Ports, including Empire Cream Sherry.

In 1986, I left Taylor/Great Western to manage winemaking for Canandaigua Wine Company (now called Centerra Wine Company of Constellation Brands) where I held that position for 11 years.

At Canandaigua, I had full responsibility for the Sun Country, Richards, J. Roget, Cool Breeze, and Cisco brands of wines including reintegration of the Taylor and Great Western portfolio into the Canandaigua operation and the fledgling Arbor Mist brand.

In 1997, I started my own winemaking consulting company to serve the need for premium quality wines for farm wineries.

I am currently the hands-on winemaker for four wineries on the Niagara Wine Trail (www.niagarawinetrail.org): Niagara Landing Wine Cellars, The Winery at Marjim Manor, Schulze Vineyard and Winery, and Leonard Oakes Estate Winery. As hands-on winemaker, I retain full creative control for all aspects of wine quality from fruit to bottle including new product development. I also teach winemaking courses as well as consult for wineries in other states.

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