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Domenic Carisetti is a professional University of California at Davis trained winemaker with 35 years of hands-on production experience at both large and small wineries.

From 1975 to 1986, Domenic managed winemaking operations for the Taylor and Great Western wineries in Hammondsport, New York. As Senior Winemaker, Domenic directly supervised 3 winemakers and a staff of 10 laboratory technicians in all aspects of table, dessert, and sparkling wines from harvest through bottling.

From 1986 to 1997, Domenic transitioned his winemaking skills to the Canandaigua Wine Company of Constellation Brands. In addition to his responsibilities with Canandaigua as Manager of Winemaking, Domenic was the technical liaison to Constellation's wineries throughout the East coast, assisting with problem solving and winemaking quality control.

In 1997, Domenic resigned from Canandaigua Wine Company to start his own consulting firm, working primarily with start-up farm wineries.

In 1999, Domenic developed and ran an innovative incubator winery located on site at Steuben ARC, producing altar wine and employing people with disabilities. At that time, Domenic also developed and taught traditional classroom basic and advanced winemaking courses at Corning Community College in Corning, New York.

In 2001, Domenic and Patrice DeMay started Chateau Renaissance Winery in Hammondsport, New York where Domenic remained until 2003. From 2003 to 2005, Domenic was the Emergency Services Coordinator for Catholic Charities of Steuben County while maintaining his consulting business for area wineries.

In 2005, Domenic relocated to Western New York to become the hands-on Winemaker for Niagara Landing Wine Cellars and the Winery at Marjim Manor. Since that time, Domenic was directly involved in starting and developing both Schulze and Leonard Oakes Estate wineries on the Niagara Wine Trail. He currently also consults for Victorianbourg winery, the newest winery on the Niagara Wine Trail.

As hands-on winemaker, Domenic is responsible for all winemaking operations from harvest through bottling including new product development. A mega-medal winner for his wines over the last 35 years, across a broad range of table wines, dessert wines, sparkling wines, and specialty wines, Domenic adheres to a discipline of providing premium quality wines for every price point.

Domenic is past Chairman for the American Society for Enology and Viticulture Eastern Section and past President of the Empire State Chapter of the Filtration Society. Domenic travels throughout the United States to provide winemakers with hands-on applications to developing profitable wine products, problem resolution, and teaching his unique winemaking tips and techniques.

Starting this fall of 2010, Domenic returns as an adjunct on-line instructor for Introduction to Winemaking for VESTA at www.vesta-usa.org. Domenic is also accredited as an adjunct instructor for the new online winemaking program offered through the Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Area Community Colleges.

Domenic focuses his consulting business in three areas:

1. Helping people start wineries
2. Helping established wineries make good wines great
3. Teaching what he knows about winemaking

If you are someone who is in need of a dedicated individual who will walk with you through every step of any winemaking challenge, then please contact Domenic through this website.

Domenic works on a sliding scale consulting fee providing affordable rates to his customers.

Domenic is available for short-term or long-term projects. After 35 years of producing over 300 million gallons of wine, there are very few winemaking challenges Domenic has not faced head-on and resolved to everyone's satisfaction. How can Domenic help you right now?