

RIDGE VINEYARDS



DAVID S. GATES, JR. – Senior Vice President, Vineyard Operations

David S. Gates, Jr. is Senior Vice President of Vineyard Operations for Ridge Vineyards. David grew up on a hundred-and-sixty-acre farm in central Minnesota, and decided to escape the cold winters by coming to California for school. His love of plants and agriculture led him to UC Davis, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Viticulture, and met and married his wife, Donna. After an obligatory stint in Napa Valley he made his way to Ridge in 1989. David's duties include managing the historic Monte Bello vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Whitton Ranch at Geyserville, and the Lytton Estate vineyards at Healdsburg, as well as monitoring and helping all Ridge growers in the Sonoma, Napa, Santa Clara, and San Luis Obispo counties.