



KYLE THERIOT – BIOGRAPHY

Kyle Theriot is the Director of Vineyard Operations for Ridge at the historic Monte Bello Estate in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Born a third-generation apple farmer, Kyle grew up on his family's 400-acre ranch in the Aptos hills of Santa Cruz County. Working the land at a young age, he grew a devout appreciation for agriculture and the farming lifestyle. Academically, Kyle was drawn to the "Learn by Doing" philosophy at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. He received his Bachelor of Science in Wine and Viticulture with a concentration in Viticulture and elective focus in both Enology and Plant Protection Science. While at Cal Poly, Kyle worked for the Horticulture Unit as the Student Vineyard Manager of the University's Trellis Vineyard, growing fruit for the Cal Poly wine label. During school he also served a tour on a wild land fire crew with the U.S. Forest Service, cutting line for Santa Lucia Crew 7. Kyle has been a part of the Ridge Vineyard Team since 2011, overseeing vineyard operations at Monte Bello. He lives back on the family farm in Aptos with his wife, Lisa, and two boys, Weston and Griffin.