



Knights Bridge



DEBI LEAL, PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER

Debi Leal has been lending her considerable talents to the Napa Valley wine industry since 1992, after moving from Washington, D.C. to California. Her early career in public relations made her the perfect fit for leading teams as a General Manager at boutique wineries in the region. She served as Winemaker and General Manager at Vincent Arroyo Winery for 12 years then led Baldacci Family Vineyards as General Manager for 8 years.

Debi joined Knights Bridge Winery in 2014 and during her tenure she has created a strong culture focused on success while leading a team of skilled and enthusiastic professionals. Most recently, she collaborated with proprietors Kelley and Jim Bailey to build the new estate winery, sharing their commitment to excellence in this exciting journey. Completed in 2021 it is only the second winery ever built in Knights Valley.

Working at the Knights Bridge Winery in the beautiful and untamed landscape of Knights Valley, amid rolling hills and the organically farmed estate vineyard suits Debi's style perfectly. She believes that there is nothing more important than developing and enhancing the relationships between the vineyards, the winery, the team, and the guests. This essential philosophy is the foundation of her success—a multi-layered approach, much like the wines that she enjoys.

While not busy at the winery, Debi devotes time to the non-profit organization she founded in 2009, Notes for Education. Comprised of Napa Valley wine professionals and Nashville music professionals, Notes hosts fundraising events to support music education programs in local communities. To further the fundraising effort, Debi puts her winemaking experience to use by making a small amount of Napa Valley Zinfandel called Harmony, with all sales proceeds benefitting Notes.

Debi and her husband Javier live in Napa with their lively rescue dog, Stryker. They have three grown children and enjoy family travel in their spare time.