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FIRST GENERATION
Pat and Joe Campbell
NEXT GENERATION
Adam Campbell

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My parents started Elk Cove in 1974. There were only about 200 acres of grapes planted in Oregon then. It was a family affair with my two brothers and two sisters. Our first vintage was the 1977. My dad made wine for the first twenty years, and then I took over. My mother had a real base in agriculture from growing up on a pear farm in Hood River. They knew Oregon would be a difficult climate.

I loved growing up in the country and on a big piece of land. I went to local schools, and it was funny—even though many of those kids' parents were probably farmers, they saw me and thought growing grapes was really weird.

We were our parents' first labor force. When we grew up, we all ran away from the business. I came back when I was 24. At that time, we had about thirty acres, and now we farm about 230 acres. I love planting vineyards and discovering new vineyards.

Favorite Wine

Mt. Richmond Single Vineyard Pinot noir

