



IVO JERAMAZ

WINEMAKER & VP of VINEYARDS AND PRODUCTION

Ivo Jeramaz was born into a Croatian family of grape growers and from an early age assisted in making wine as a familial pursuit. As a young man, he attended the University of Zagreb where he earned a master of science degree in engineering.

In 1986, Ivo came to the United States with the help of his uncle, Miljenko “Mike” Grgich. Ivo was so fascinated with the wine industry, especially set against the scenic beauty of the Napa Valley, that he decided on a career change – diving wholeheartedly into both personal study under the tutelage of his uncle, and a number of enology and viticulture classes at UC Davis.

His experience in winemaking now spans nearly four decades, and as the principal winemaker, Ivo has ushered Grgich Hills Estate into the future as an industry leader in regenerative farming and organic winemaking. Today, he fosters a passion akin to his own both within our vineyard and cellar teams, and at home, bringing his daughter Maja and his sons, Luke and Jake into the fold, exploring all facets of the industry, including, marketing, sales, and vineyard management.