

Rodrigo Soto, General Manager

Born and raised in Chile, Rodrigo Soto has been involved in the food and wine industry nearly all his life. His interest in wine began with a summer job at the age of 14, and after growing intrigued, decided to study agronomy in university. Rodrigo wrote his thesis on organic farming, and upon graduating, spent the next ten years back and forth between California and Chile, further expanding his knowledge in organics and biodynamics. Ultimately, Rodrigo brought these experiences to Benziger in the Russian River Valley where he learned to translate his biodynamic knowledge into a minimal-intervention winemaking philosophy. In 2012, after six years in Sonoma, Rodrigo joined the Huneeus family as chief winemaker and moved back to Chile where he transformed the South American vineyards to deliver quality, sustainability and longevity. In 2018, Rodrigo came to Napa Valley to carry out the vision of our founders as the General Manager of the Quintessa Estate. He believes that there is a tremendous opportunity in listening to the vineyard to realize its ultimate potential and looks forward to carrying the vision of Quintessa to the next generation. We believe that the farming for the longevity of a vineyard and a place is the most important thing.

