

2018 NAPA VALLEY WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

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Linda Trotta



With a career spanning three decades and four continents, Linda Trotta was named Jamieson Ranch Vineyards Winemaker in 2017.

Prior to 2017, Linda was Head Winemaker at Swiftwater Cellars in Washington State. She built the winemaking program from the ground up and key achievements included earning critical acclaim for the winery's first vintages. Previously, Linda served as Director of Winemaking at Sonoma Valley's renowned Gundlach Bundschu Winery. In her twenty years there, she implemented advances in winemaking techniques and vineyard practices.

Linda has worked harvests around the world including Italy, South Africa and Chile. A southern California native, Linda earned degrees in Enology from UC Davis and in Italian Art History from Università degli Studi di Padova. She is involved and has held leadership roles with organizations that champion the advancement of women's careers in wine.



DOUBLE — LARIAT —

Consistent 90+ Point Scores:

- **DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL**, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Vintage 2016
- **90 POINTS**, James Suckling, Vintage 2015
- **91 POINTS**, Robert Parker, Vintage 2014
- **94 POINTS**, Robert Parker, Vintage 2013
- **90 POINTS**, Robert Parker, Vintage 2012



R E A T A

- **90 POINTS**, Wine Enthusiast, Reata Chardonnay, Vintage 2016
- **GOLD MEDAL**, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Reata Pinot Noir, Vintage 2016



W H I P L A S H

- **91 POINTS**, New York International Wine Competition, Whiplash Red Blend, Vintage 2016
- **95 POINTS**, Los Angeles Wine Competition, Whiplash Malbec, Vintage 2015
- **90 POINTS**, Ultimate Spirits Challenge, Whiplash Zinfandel, Vintage 2015



L I G H T H O R S E

- **91 POINTS**, New York International Wine Competition, Light Horse Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2016
- **GOLD**, TEXSOM International Wine Competition, Light Horse Pinot Noir, Vintage 2016
- **GOLD**, Houston Rodeo Uncorked International Wine Competition, Light Horse Chardonnay, Vintage 2016

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