



MELKA WINES  
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One of the approaches that owners love about Melka is his talking down of oak and talking up of terroir. His client roster includes Quintessa, Vineyard 29, Lail Cellars and Caldwell. Melka is more than a Cabernet specialist. After Chuck McMinn of Vineyard 29 purchased the famous Aida Vineyard in Napa, he immediately saw Melka as the ideal winemaker to handle the Zinfandel and Syrah. Until the sale, Aida Zinfandel had been one of the calling cards of Turley Cellars. Now, a new star is making it famous. **D**

left: Philippe Melka arrived from France armed with degrees in geology and oenology

winemaking and other aspects. Currently, Eddy is looking to build a winery for his own company, Tom Eddy Wines, which makes about 1,200 cases annually of high-end Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### **PHILIPPE MELKA**

A Frenchman who arrived in Napa Valley in 1994, Melka was not just another young French winemaker from Bordeaux. He arrived with degrees in geology, oenology and agronomy, and so has a keen interest in the influence of soils on wine quality. A stint at Dominus enabled him to get the foundation of winemaking from a great pair of winemakers, Jean-Claude Berrouet and Christian Moueix. He also admires Paul Draper of Ridge vineyards and sees Draper and Berrouet as 'similar in the way they

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