



Daniel Benton is the Vintner at Benton Family Wines (BFW) in Napa, California.

Daniel was born and raised in Salisbury, North Carolina where much of his family still resides. He attended Catawba College and was a member of the 1996 conference champion football team. While attending Catawba, Daniel studied biology and chemistry, which ultimately led to his interest in wine production.

Upon graduation, Daniel spent 10 years in corporate America before the romance of wine lured him away. After leaving his corporate post, he spent the next several years traveling wine regions and networking in the wine industry, eventually returning to school to obtain degrees in Viticulture and Enology. From there Daniel worked every aspect of the wine business from retail to distribution management, ultimately leading to wine production. From early mornings in the vineyard to harvest and fermentation in the winery, Daniel has been involved with every aspect of producing wine.

As winemaker for Benton Family Wines, Daniel is responsible for all aspects of production, grower relations, and manages nationwide distribution for the company. BFW produces several wine brands with Croze Napa Valley being the flagship. With an emphasis on the production of wines that demonstrate balance and a European style, Croze distinguishes itself from many of its Napa neighbors. "Our philosophy is steeped in classic European tradition, and our wines have a profound sense of place. Vintages are meticulously handcrafted from vineyard to bottle, ensuring quality and recognizable style that is Croze."

Daniel, wife Kara, and son Callan work together with a talented staff to bring Croze wines to life each vintage.



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