

STOLPMAN[®] VINEYARDS

The Stolpman team focuses on making uniquely delicious wines from our Ballard Canyon Estate.



TOM STOLPMAN
Founding Partner

Behind every great man there is a strong woman. Marilyn Stolpman seeded the idea of creating a vineyard in Tom's mind back on their honeymoon in 1974. Marilyn believed she and Tom should only invest in something the family could enjoy, and encouraged Tom to pursue his viticultural dream.

Marilyn was first exposed to wine while a UCLA undergraduate studying abroad at the University of Bordeaux, where she studied French literature. Today, Marilyn heads up our estate extra virgin olive oil program and promotes Stolpman wines with Tom.

Tom Stolpman still practices law as a trial attorney with the Long Beach, California firm of Stolpman, Krissman, Elber & Silver LLP. When not preparing or trying cases, he is the founding partner and charismatic historian of Stolpman Vineyards and Ballard Canyon.

Tom and Marilyn finished construction of their dream house on the vineyard, Villa Angeli, in 2013. Perched atop one of the vineyard hills, Tom and Marilyn can enjoy the family dynasty they have created.

PETER STOLPMAN
Managing Partner



Growing up with the vineyard, Pete watched the golden brush of the Stolpman Estate transform into rows of vines. It's no stretch of the imagination that Pete's life pursuits would eventually lead him back to his namesake *roots*.

Pete graduated from Georgetown University and took a management job in Los Angeles. Once again living in California, Pete became increasingly involved in the company's operation until he jumped off, quit his job, and embarked on a three year wine training program we now refer to as the "Master's Degree by Tom Stolpman". Pete made wine in Australia and Italy before returning home to sell wine

for the Henry Wine Group, where he was awarded Fine Wine Specialist of the Year in 2008. At 26 years old, he was the youngest salesman to receive this award to date. More importantly, he also met his wife, Jessica Stolpman, during their training at HWG.

In 2009, Pete took over day-to-day management of Stolpman Vineyards. As President of Ballard Canyon Winegrowers' Alliance, Pete leads the charge to establish the area as the benchmark Syrah appellation in the New World.



JESSICA STOLPMAN

Partner

Jessica grew up in Camarillo, California, roughly halfway between Los Angeles and Stolpman Vineyards in Santa Barbara County. She attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where she fell in love with the world of wine through involvement in the Vines to Wines Club.

Upon graduation, she joined the Henry Wine Group, where, along with meeting Pete, she won the award for Highest Sales Growth. After two years at Henry Wine Group, Jessica became the Western Regional Sales Manager for Zaca Mesa Winery, just 10 miles north of Stolpman Vineyards on Foxen Canyon Road.

Pete and Jessica have traveled on many wine research trips together to broaden their understanding of international wines. Jessica credits these trips to the Rhone, Burgundy Piedmonte, Alsace, Jura, Mendoza, and Uruguay with honing her international wine knowledge. Sashi, Ruben, Pete and Tom Stolpman all agree that Jessica has brought her formidably refined palate to the Stolpman team.

Jessica now manages the California wholesale market and the newly constructed Villa Angeli.



SASHI MOORMAN

Winemaker

Sashi's career in wine grew out of his interest in cooking and food. After graduating from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, Sashi cooked professionally in New York City and Washington, DC.

In 1996, Sashi moved to Ojai, California to work a five-year apprenticeship with Adam Tolmach at The Ojai Vineyard. In 2001, Sashi joined Stolpman Vineyards, integrating the winemaking and vineyard direction under one program. Today, Sashi continues his work at Stolpman Vineyards, his largest winemaking project. Sashi also makes his own label, Piedrasassi, and is a partner with Rajat Parr in Domaine de la Cote.

Sashi and his wife, Melissa, operate a wood-fired boutique bakery, for which Stolpman Vineyards grows heirloom varieties of wheat in Ballard Canyon.

The grand theorist behind Stolpman Vineyards, Sashi constantly compares our methodology to the greats of the Old World.



RUBEN SOLORZANO

Vineyard Manager/Grape Whisperer

Ruben Solorzano, the youngest of 11 children, was born on his family's Ranchito near the town of Cocula, Jalisco, about two hours Southwest of Guadalajara. Farm life on the Ranchito prepared Ruben for a career in agriculture, but he surprised even his proud older brothers with the speed in which he picked up the subtleties of vine cultivation.

Ruben has managed Stolpman Vineyards since 1994 and is now a full US Citizen and an equity partner in Coastal Vineyard Care Associates. In 2006, the Stolpman's built a house for Ruben, his wife Lupe, and their two children, nestled between hills of Syrah on the estate.

Ruben never stops thinking about how he can improve the quality of grapes produced at Stolpman Vineyards. From grandiose experiments like Ruben's Block to trellising modifications unnoticeable to most, Ruben works hand in hand with winemaker Sashi Moorman to make sure the Limestone Hills of Stolpman produce the most dynamic, nuanced, and delicious grapes possible.