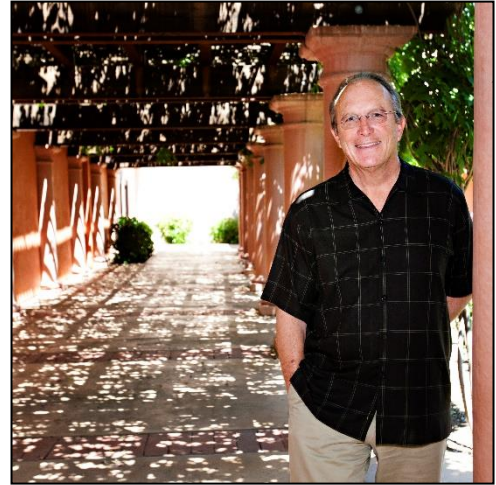




MICHAEL WEIS
WINEMAKER EMERITUS

With a celebrated 23-year tenure as Groth's renowned winemaker, Michael Weis transitioned to Winemaker Emeritus in 2014. He worked with Cameron Parry, Director of Winegrowing, in passing the winemaking torch and ensuring Groth wines have the gentle continuity that we've staked our reputation on.

As Winemaker Emeritus, he is available to Cameron Parry and the family for special projects, grower development, and production tastings, helping assure that Groth wines maintain their style and continue to improve. He also conducts educational events in the market and at the winery with customers, club members, and trade.



Michael created the "Groth University" educational presentations for winemaking, retail, and administrative staff at Groth. Having taught winemaking at Napa Valley College, Michael adeptly provides a learning experience for all levels of wine connoisseurship. Interactions include in-depth visits to our home vineyard, insectary garden, and fermentation/barrel cellars. All regaled with anecdotal stories about the Napa Valley, the Oakville AVA and Groth; all an accumulation from 44 vintages (35 in Oakville alone!) as a winemaker.

With a Master's Degree from the University of California, Davis, Michael joined Robert Mondavi Winery as experimental enologist and worked as a winemaker for Vichon before joining Groth in 1994. Michael was instrumental in the careful redesigning and replanting of the Reserve Block of the Oakville Vineyard, resulting in a successful re-launching of the Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon with the 2005 vintage, and in the winery's expansion completed in 2007.

There is more to life than wine, and in Michael's case, there's Bocce. Michael's team, The Quatro Stupidos, is made up of winemakers, label printers, grape growers and wine equipment salesmen. He has not given up hope that Dennis and Judy Groth will someday let him install that Bocce court at the winery.