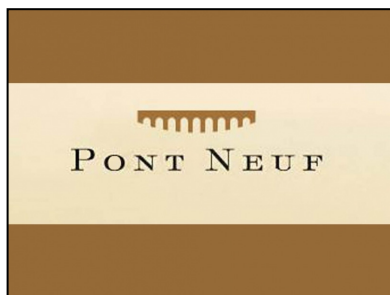


# PONT NEUF

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



**Pont Neuf** is a New Bridge to the Old World. As a result of our training in Burgundy, we seek a connection between the classic wines from the heart of France and the wines of California.

Our production remains limited since, like the 1er and Grand Cru vineyards of Burgundy, it is rare to find sites that express a sense of place and varietal precision. In the case of Chardonnay, we apply traditional Burgundian winemaking techniques to allow the single vineyard Martinelli Vineyard Russian River grapes to show their origins clearly.



For over twenty years, winemaker **Douglas Danielak** has made wine for some of the Napa Valley's most respected wineries. Influenced by all things French, Douglas started his winemaking career completing the Professional Winemaking Program at the Lycée Agricole et Viticole de Beaune in Burgundy. While studying in France, Douglas worked his first harvest at Chateau de Chambolle-Musigny with his friend and classmate Frederic Mugnier.

Upon returning to California Douglas was able to continue his pursuit of perfection in Pinot and Chardonnay. As few vintners at the time were interested in Pinot and Chardonnay, Douglas formed part of a tasting group of early believers in 1989 including Helen Turley, Mark Aubert, David Ramey and Ted Lemon.



Douglas completed his degree in Viticulture and Enology at U.C. Davis and began a successful wine consulting business in Napa Valley. As one of the first Rhone Rangers, Douglas founded the Jade Mountain label with Jim Paras and was recognized as one of the top innovators of Rhone wine in America. Since then he has expanded his repertoire, crafting fine Bordeaux based wines, Rhônes, and naturally Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for his list of clients. With a background and philosophy common to small vintners on either side of the Atlantic, all the wines are made to speak clearly of their origin. With a new set of compelling wines, Douglas and Mary bring the same complexity, charm, and sensibility that was forged by their experience in Burgundy to the wines of Pont Neuf.

While **Mary Danielak** worked with French wine exporter Rebecca Wasserman, she was able to combine her love of food & wine, language and photography. Meeting and working with both French and American wine producers proved to be key in what lay ahead for her career.

Upon returning to the United States the couple moved to Napa Valley and she became wine buyer for Oakville Grocery Company. Over the 18 years in Oakville she honed her marketing skills and developed the reputation as one of the most respected palates in the industry. The relationships formed with Californian winemakers visiting Burgundy had informed and shaped her talents as a buyer and they continued to flourish. When she was not at the store, she was pitching in at harvest and assisting Douglas with his winemaking projects. With a firm grounding on two continents Mary developed a concise understanding of wine from both the New and Old Worlds. Douglas and Mary now enjoy utilizing their talents in guiding their own label, Pont Neuf.



*"The more you know about wine, the more you'll want to know about us."*

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