Keely Ryan
Associate Winemaker

Keely Ryan is the Associate Winemaker at Cliff Lede Vineyards in Napa Valley. Passionate about the process from vineyard to bottle, Keely thrives in the diverse responsibilities of her role, which include everything from lab operations and cellar management to harvest planning and blending decisions.

Keely came to the Napa Valley in 2020 to join Tres Sabores in St. Helena where she wore many hats: from administrative tasks to hands-on harvest work, bottling, and everything in between. That broad exposure sparked her desire to fully immerse herself in production. When an enologist position opened at Cliff Lede Vineyards in 2022, the opportunity was too compelling to pass up. Her drive and curiosity quickly earned her a promotion to Assistant Winemaker in 2024, and Associate Winemaker in 2026.

Raised in California's Central Valley, Keely's connection to agriculture runs deep. Her father, a second-generation farmer, has grown everything from cotton to pistachios, and her grandfather once sold grapes to The Christian Brothers Winery. With their support and encouragement, Keely earned a degree in enology from Fresno State, where she was one of only six women in her cohort. The university's hands-on curriculum and onsite commercial winery provided a solid technical foundation, while her summers working as a cellar hand at New Clairvaux Vineyards in Chico further honed her skills.
Now based in Calistoga, Keely enjoys the rhythm of wine country life and can often be found on a tennis court, at a workout class or catching up with family and friends.