

PRIDE

MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

Stuart Bryan

After 30 years in national wine sales, including over two decades at Pride Mountain Vineyards, Stuart Bryan transitioned from his position as Director of National Sales in July 2014, to the role of Vintner Ambassador. In this position, Stuart travels extensively with his wife and winery co-owner, Suzanne Pride Bryan, to further the winery's philanthropic efforts at the nation's finest and most prestigious charity wine events, while bringing awareness of Pride wines to new fans.

"When Jim and Carolyn purchased the property and decided to make their first vintage, I was delighted to have my distributor network in place to get the Pride Mountain wines out into the national market," Stuart says. "Now that the winery is established, I'm really enjoying being able to get out into the wine-loving community, not only to represent the winery, but also to be able to make a difference in people's lives through the fundraising done at these great events."

From V Foundation events in Napa and Sonoma, to Red, White and Snow in Utah, to the Nantucket Wine Festival, and from Emeril Lagasse's Carnivale du Vin, to fundraising events as well as Board of Directors with Sonoma County Vintners, Stuart is a well-known and welcome presence.

Stuart was born and raised in Manistee, Michigan and is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. He wrote his dissertation at USC's Marine Biological Laboratory on Catalina Island in California before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in the early 1980s, beginning his wine sales career, meeting Suzanne and settling down to raise their family. He first started in national sales as national sales manager for Chalone Vineyards and was the first national sales manager for Shafer Vineyards in the 1980s. He founded and managed a national wine sales company for over 17 years that was well established by the time the Pride Mountain wines were first produced in 1991. He also represented a number of wineries throughout California and Oregon along with his own wine production company which produced over 14,000 cases annually. In 2005 he sold his company to focus exclusively on Pride Mountain Vineyards.

Suzanne and Stuart have two grown daughters: Elizabeth Bryan Grewe who is an interior architect married to executive chef Scott Grewe, and Kathryn Bryan who represents the third generation at Pride as the winery's multimedia designer. They also care for their niece Sarah Bryan who is enjoying an active life with them while attending high school.