

# STAFF PROFILE



**JOSEF CHROMY**  
T A S M A N I A

## **Kirsten Potowski**

*Assistant Winemaker*

Kirsten 's first position in the wine industry was 2002 vintage with James Kellie of Howard Park Wines, Denmark in the Great Southern Region of Western Australia, whilst studying part-time a degree in Oenology/Wine Science at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga NSW.

With a passion for Riesling, Pinot Noir and travel she returned to the Rheingau Region in Germany, to work with Hanns Kessler at Schloss Johannisberg, this involved her in indigenous yeast trials for sparkling wine production with Gussenheim University.

Kirsten returned to Australia in 2003 to work in Tasmania. Firstly with Julian Alcorso and then later taking up an Assistant Winemaking position in 2004 with Jeremy Dineen and Andrew Hood at Hoods, Wellington Wines/ Frogmore Creek, in Richmond Tasmania. Gaining wide experience in contract winemaking and cool climate fruit production.

The west continued to call and Kirsten returned to Denmark to work with James Kellie for 18 months at the newly established winery on the Harwood Estate Vineyard. Award winning Riesling with unique cool climate fruit production, having distinctive sub-regionality; Intense Shiraz from Frankland, elegant structured Cabernet from Mt Barker and delicious Porongurup Riesling.

Wishing to further her experiential adventure with Pinot Noir, Kirsten worked with Mike Glover of Bannockburn Vineyards, a warmer region with vineyards displaying fine tannins and unique vine age complexity. Later in 2006 travelling to Italy to work with a biodynamic vineyard and winery Tenuta di Valgiano in Lucca, Tuscany.

Kirsten is passionate about Riesling and Pinot Noir, with cool climate fruit production and its ability to produce distinctive elegant wines. Believing that the Tasmanian wine region is a perfect place to achieve this. Josef Chromy Wines aim is to produce a range of premium aromatic wine styles that reflect this unique environment.

“To me this is a exciting opportunity to be involved in seeing this region evolve as one of Australians Premium wine regions”.