

# SONOMA COUNTY WINE AUCTION



## George Hamel, Jr. 2018 SONOMA COUNTY WINE AUCTION CHAIR

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Both military “brats”, George Hamel, Jr. first met Pamela when she transferred to his high school in Northern Virginia during their junior year. In fact, they even double dated at their junior prom—albeit with different dates! One of George’s early wine memories with Pam, when he began courting her in his mid-20s, was taking her to an Italian restaurant that was above his high-school-JV-basketball-coach-salary paygrade. An attempt at making an impression and a clueless look at the wine selection in the restaurant window ended with George ordering a white wine in a bottle shaped like a fish.

Pam married him eventually anyway, and the rest is Hamel Family Wines history.

Opened in 2014, Hamel Family Wines, located in the heart of Sonoma Valley, is truly a family affair. George and Pam’s son, George Hamel III, oversees the sales, financial and business operations, and his brother John oversees the winegrowing and winemaking. Farming organically and following biodynamic practices, Hamel Family Wines meticulously crafts limited-production wines, grown from its Sonoma Valley and Moon Mountain District estate vineyards, producing distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Sauvignon Blanc and Zinfandel.