



CRAIG WILLIAMS COO & Chief Winegrower,  
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Williams brings to Crimson nearly 40 years of experience in the California wine business. His extensive experience working with elite Napa Valley estate-based producers and familiarity with the Crimson portfolio as a member of the board of directors since March 2013, make him a significant asset to the executive team. Perhaps best known for his tenure with Joseph Phelps Vineyards, Williams spent 32 years at Phelps and held the position of Senior Vice President of Winegrowing, responsible for all winemaking activities from 1999 to 2008. During this time, he played an instrumental role in the winery's growth and development, quietly spearheading many innovative and cutting-edge technologies. Under his winemaking direction, Joseph Phelps Vineyards was recognized for its excellence with numerous accolades, including three 100-point scores from Robert Parker, three Top 10 placements in Wine Spectator's Top 100, and the coveted Wine of the Year Award from Wine Spectator in 2005 for the 2002 Insignia.

Williams is also the owner of an eponymous Napa Valley-based winemaking and viticulture consulting firm, Craig Williams Wine Company. A graduate of the University of California, Davis, he holds a bachelor's degree in fermentation science.