

## Samantha Taylor Assistant Winemaker

Samantha C. Taylor is assistant winemaker for Hope Family Wines in Paso Robles the producers of Austin Hope, Treana, Liberty School, Quest & Troublemaker wines.

A native of the Lodi wine country, who also grew up in her family's Italian restaurant, Taylor is a Wine Business graduate of Cal Poly's Wine & Viticulture program, whose winemaking career began the day she received her rejection letter to an MBA program. Impassioned to not move back home with Mom and Dad, she chose instead to drag hoses and shovel tanks nearly 13 vintages ago.

Now an integral part of the winemaking team along with winemakers Austin Hope and JC Diefenderfer, Samantha oversees the daily operations of winemaking and has developed a dynamic and efficient winemaking team that produces award winning wines that truly set the standard for luxury Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon.

When Samantha isn't at the winery, she is often knee deep in a DIY home renovation projects with her husband. She also enjoys traveling the world exploring the latest culinary offerings and exploring her never ending quest to find the best local bars and restaurants in any given location. She is also an architecture and design enthusiast that loves to tour historical homes.

