

STONE HILL WINERY

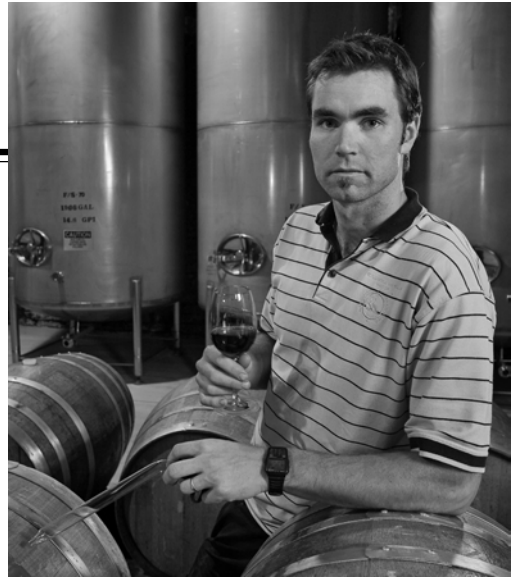
The Midwest's Most Awarded Winery
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SHAUN TURNBULL

Winemaker

"Wine is made in the vineyard. The winemaker is basically a surrogate parent who nurtures what he receives from the earth into its final creation with the help of science and modern technology."

Shaun Turnbull hails from Cape Town, South Africa. He studied winemaking at Elsenburg Agricultural College where he received his diploma in Cellar Technology in 1999. Teaching the science of winemaking since the early 1900s, Elsenburg College has earned a reputation in South Africa for being the best practical school of winemaking in the country. After completing his studies, Shaun furthered his practical education by taking harvest internships at WineCorp in Stellenbosch, South Africa, Jefferson Cellars in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Heitz Cellars in Napa, California.



Before joining the winemaking staff at Stone Hill Winery in October 2005, Shaun served as winemaker at Slaley Winery, in the famed Stellenbosch area of South Africa. In his few years at Slaley, Shaun built a solid reputation for turning out award-winning wines from classic *Vinifera* varieties. Before Slaley, Shaun was winemaker for Lammershoek Winery in Malmesbury, South Africa.

Originally planning to study engineering, Shaun's attention quickly turned elsewhere when his stepfather introduced him to wine and the possibility of a winemaking career. It was the idea of combining Mother Nature and the everyday senses of taste and smell with science and technology that intrigued him most. In winemaking, Shaun feels he is creating a piece of art that not only expresses a bit of his own individuality but also invites endless conversations from others who indulge in the same romance of wine.

As one of Stone Hill's winemakers, Shaun's goal is to improve on the already high quality of Norton and Chardonnay. He expects the most challenging part of his career to be making wine from grape varieties other than *Vinifera* and in more extreme weather conditions than in South Africa.

Shaun is married to wife, Bernadette, and enjoys dining on fine wine and food with her. In his spare time he competes in mountain bike races and cyclocross events.

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