



Janell Dusi Bio

J Dusi Wines embodies “A Family Tradition with a New Perspective,” carrying forward a legacy that began more than a century ago when the Dusi family immigrated from Northern Italy and settled in Paso Robles. In the early 1920s, Janell Dusi’s grandparents were among the pioneering growers who planted Zinfandel in the region, establishing vineyards that would become part of Paso Robles wine history.

Today, Janell continues that legacy through J Dusi Wines, crafting wines that express the character of her family’s historic vineyards and the distinctive qualities of Paso Robles. Her wines are rooted in the family’s renowned head-pruned, dry-farmed Zinfandel vineyards, producing old-world-inspired wines that showcase the unmistakable character of “Dusi Fruit.”

Janell’s winemaking journey began long before the launch of her label. Since 1996, she has been making wine for family and friends, learning traditional Italian winemaking techniques alongside her grandfather, Dante Dusi. Building on those early lessons and generations of family farming knowledge, she released the inaugural J Dusi Wines vintage in 2006.

A hands-on winemaker in every sense, Janell remains deeply involved in every aspect of the process. From hand-harvesting fruit and driving tractors to overseeing fermentation and blending, she brings an unwavering work ethic and personal touch to each bottle. Her commitment to quality and authenticity reflects values that were instilled in her from a young age and continue to guide the winery today.

What began with a single vineyard has grown into a portfolio that celebrates the diversity of the Dusi family’s vineyards across Paso Robles. Janell sources fruit from more than 600 acres of family-owned vineyards, crafting wines that range from crisp Pinot Grigio to bold reds grown on the rugged hillsides of Paper Street Vineyard. Each wine tells a story of place, family, and stewardship of the land.

Today, both the winery and vineyard operations remain a true family affair. On any given day, four generations of the Dusi family can be found working side by side among the vines, carrying forward a tradition that spans generations while embracing the future of Paso Robles winemaking.