

ABBOTT CLAIM

WINEMAKER

ALBAN DEBEAULIEU

Born outside Paris, Alban grew up in southern France in a family and landscape where wine was ever-present. On weekends, Alban visited cellars in the Rhône and the Loire valleys, tasting wines purchased from neighboring vigneron or made in his grandfather's garage.

Alban studied agronomics and viticulture in French Catalonia before moving to Burgundy to pursue his studies. He earned his master's degree in Bourgogne and worked in Beaujolais and Beaune before coming to Oregon in 2013 to work harvest at Domaine Drouhin and then as an assistant winemaker at White Rose. In 2016, Alban joined OO Wines and Chapter 24 Vineyards as winemaker before joining Abbott Claim in 2017.

When Alban Debeaulieu met Antony Beck, the two quickly realized they shared an intuitive understanding of the Willamette Valley's promise and an unwavering determination that drove them to fulfill this. Many philosophical conversations later, they began to design the Abbott Claim winery together, drawing upon their shared experience making wines in France, South Africa, and Oregon. For them, wine is not a luxury or novelty but an essential part of life.



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