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### **The mark of a heretic**

Harold has ten green fingers, and has earned a reputation for developing the best possible fruit, no matter where. He is insistent that using environmentally-sustainable practices contribute to a healthy bottom line through an untainted expression of soil and fruit. The jury is still out on whether his organic and bio-dynamic initiatives are those of a maverick or a heretic but with his results, it's rather a pointless argument.

He is a dry-farming, pesticide-hating, French-speaking, ground cover-loving, leaf-plucking, convention-shunning, damn-the-torpedoes, vine whisperer.

### **The experience of growth**

Harold has been nurturing grapes in BC's Okanagan Valley for over a decade for wineries big and small. And decorated. Most notably, he has been vineyard manager for Cedar Creek, Le Vieux Pin and LaStella. During his tenure with the latter two, he was instrumental in delivering to the winemaker the fruit of award-winning wines, with several hitting over 90 points. This was inside just two years of operation.

More than simply possessing a fascination with vines and grapes, Harold delivers skills and abilities where staffing, equipment, zoning and other operational aspects are concerned, just as comfortable showing cost/benefit to accountants as he is supervising contract growers.

Whether a client wants to plant a new vineyard or revitalize an existing one, Harold helps extract the most value out of the land, using as much of the natural assets on hand as is possible. The right grape in the right place.

### **The lessons along the way**

Harold holds his Viticulture certificate from OUC and builds on it through continuing education and *daily* research - he is voracious in his consumption of plant facts, big and small.

Studies in fine arts allow him to appreciate and empathize with the artist that is the winemaker. Schooling in social studies allows him to appreciate and empathize with everyone else.