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GABRIELE RAUSSE
Consulting Winemaker to Kluge Estate Winery & Vineyard

Kluge Estate Winery and Vineyard is pleased to have Gabriele Rausse, the famed Virginia winemaking expert, on board as a consultant. He has been single-handedly credited with revolutionizing the Virginia wine industry, having revived Thomas Jefferson's Monticello grapes and lending his expertise in winemaking and the art of blending to local wineries. By those he has worked with as well as by the press, Mr. Rausse has been called the father of viticulture in Virginia. Some say he picked up where Jefferson left off.

Born in Italy, Mr. Rausse relocated to Virginia about 20 years ago. During this time he has watched the state's wineries grow from a handful to over 75 today, among which Kluge Estate is one of the newer ventures. "Kluge Estate Winery and Vineyard is poised to become the next great Virginia wine," says Mr. Rausse. "The combination of their team, their winemaking methods, their dedication and, above all, their true love of wine, infuses their efforts with vigor, the result of which will be seen in their wine."

In addition to working in the Central Virginia region, consulting with several local vineyards, Mr. Rausse is also the Associate Director of Garden and Grounds at Monticello. Near that historic home, Mr. Rausse runs his own boutique winery, Gabriele Rausse Winery.

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