

# North Bay professionals news: Alpha Omega, Notre Vue, C. Mondavi wineries, and more

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**Henrik Poulsen** has returned to Alpha Omega winery in Napa as head winemaker.

Poulsen, who spent seven years as assistant winemaker working with winemaker **Jean Hoefliger**, steps into the lead position as Hoefliger shifts to consulting winemaker for all three brands in the Alpha Omega Collective, the winery stated.

For nearly 14 years, Poulsen and Hoefliger made wine together, working side-by-side at Newton Vineyard for six years then jointly arriving at Alpha Omega to launch Robin and Michelle Baggett's winery in 2006.



In 2010, Poulsen founded his own label, which is produced at Alpha Omega, and a wine consulting business. He departed Alpha Omega in 2013 for Acumen Wines, reuniting him with Denis Malbec, Acumen's founding winemaker and Alpha Omega's former consulting winemaker. Poulsen was selected as director of winemaking and executive manager at Acumen.

Hoefliger's move to consulting winemaker for Alpha Omega matches the role that he already held for the other two brands under the Alpha Omega Collective: Tolosa in San Luis Obispo in California's Edna Valley and Perinet in Spain's Priorat region.