



Jerome (Jay) Raffaldini is the principal family owner and winemaker of Raffaldini Vineyards. Established in 2001, Raffaldini Vineyards is dedicated to the production of ultra-premium Central to Southern Italian style dry red and white wines planted to 42 of their 102 acre estate. Raffaldini Vineyards has received several prestigious awards, one of which is being voted one of the Top Ten Hot Small Brands in North American in 2008 by Wine Business Monthly, a first such award for any vineyard in North Carolina. In 2009, a Raffaldini Vermentino wine was served as part of a Presidential Gift to the President of Italy. Raffaldini Vineyards' 2012 Montepulciano Riserva received a 90 rating by James Suckling and a 95 rating/Double Gold from Grand Harvest Awards in San Francisco. Raffaldini Vineyards is one of the leading practitioners of the Appassimento technique used to make Amarone wines. Raffaldini Vineyards was also the main sponsor for the Swan Creek AVA in North Carolina.