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Emul Ross, Winemaker

Emul was born in Bellville, South Africa in 1985. After schooling at Rondebosch Boys High School in Cape Town, he completed a BSc in Viticulture and Oenology at Stellenbosch University in 2008.

After university, he worked at Graham Beck Wines in Franschhoek for three years, followed by a three year period at Cape Chamonix, also in Franschhoek. During this time he travelled to California to work a harvest at Stonestreet Winery in Healdsburg, Sonoma. He also had the opportunity to taste in some of the best cellars in Burgundy, which really fueled his love for classic Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Emul joined Hamilton Russell Vineyards as winemaker in September 2014 and continues to express the beauty and character of the estate by making wines with purity and classic elegance. 2018 marked Ross' maiden vintage crafting Hamilton Russell Oregon Pinot Noir from Oregon's premier Willamette Valley AVAs, Ribbon Ridge and Eola-Amity.

Emul is married to Yvonne and has a daughter, Emma.