

# PULIDO~WALKER

THOMAS RIVERS BROWN

*Winemaker*

*One* of the country's top talents, Thomas Rivers Brown was named 2010's Winemaker of the Year by *Food & Wine* magazine. He has been in Napa since 1997, where he began his career at Turley Cellars and now makes wines for select premium labels. Over the last decade, Thomas has received more 100-point scores than any other Napa Valley winemaker. He was awarded two 100-point scores from *Wine Spectator*, the first American winemaker to receive a perfect score. Beyond generosity and roundness in tannins, his wines have few common traits and are very individual, reflecting each vineyard's unique *terroir*. Pulido~Walker's Estate Grown wines from iconic Melanson Vineyard on Pritchard Hill, Policy Vineyard in Yountville, and renowned Mt. Veeder promise to be among his most distinctive.

Says Thomas, "I appreciate Mark and Donna's determination to pursue perfection with their focus on 'Quality, Quality, Quality (Q3)'. Our ownership together at Mending Wall Winery enables Pulido~Walker to control every aspect of quality from vine to bottle. In addition, their insistence on making natural wines very much aligns with my own approach. Our common goal is to craft extraordinary single-vineyard designate wines enjoyable in their youth yet aging effortlessly for decades.

"And they're exceedingly nice people. It's a pleasure to spend time with them, and not just because Donna hails from my home state of South Carolina."