



SEAN SULLIVAN

Executive Vice President | Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel

Sean Sullivan was invited to join the executive leadership team as SVP/general counsel and head of mergers and acquisitions in February of 2018. In this pivotal role, Sean serves as the company's chief legal officer, applying his extensive legal and business acumen to numerous areas of oversight, including compliance, corporate governance, business and HR best practices, litigation, vineyard and real estate acquisitions, intellectual property and capital raising.



Born and raised in northern Nevada, Sean spent many summers and holidays visiting relatives in Napa Valley, where he has several family members in the wine industry. After earning his undergraduate degrees in economics and politics from Saint Mary's College, Sean attended the Columbia Law School, where he received his *Juris Doctorate* and was named a James Kent Scholar. During his nine years at Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, Sean served as the outside general counsel to numerous private and public companies, including The Duckhorn Portfolio. Eager to gain more extensive business experience, Sean also worked at Credit Suisse Securities as an investment banking associate with a focus on the technology, media and telecom industries. Throughout his career, Sean developed a focus on luxury brands, including high-end food, beverage, clothing and e-commerce companies, and advised on numerous mergers and acquisitions and public offerings.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Sean was selected by *Law360* as one of five capital markets rising stars worldwide in 2016 (the only attorney selected in California), and was named a Rising Star of Northern California Securities and Corporate Finance Law by *Super Lawyers* five years in a row.

For Sean, the opportunity to move in-house after serving as outside counsel was extremely exciting. "I already knew that this was a great place to work. People know Duckhorn's reputation, and the reality surpasses the reputation. There is an environment here that is committed to excellence, and it is also creative, collegial, and has a genuine underlying belief in the stewardship of our industry, employees, customers and the land. It is a dynamic and inspiring culture, where we all feel that we are contributing to creating something unique and enduring."