Scott and Denise moved to Star establishing Sol Invictus Vineyard in 2015 with a focus on developing an impressive boutique winery advancing Idaho's wine country significance. The Sol Invictus vision is to specialize in exceptional small lot production wine united with an enriched customer experience. Scott is an Idaho Native who went off to see the world through a 26-year military career. After falling in love with the various vineyards and wineries around the world, the Smith family returned to Idaho to turn their passion into a reality. Scott studied, and continues learning, viticulture and enology through Washington State University with an eye towards growing high quality fruit and producing premium wines. When not working in the vineyard or operating the winery, Scott continues to serve the citizens of Idaho through his fiscal duties in state government.

