



Merry Edwards Winery

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Merry Edwards' Career Chronology

- 1970 BS degree in Physiology from UC Berkeley
- 1973 MA degree in Food Science with an emphasis in Enology from UC Davis
- 1974-77 Winemaker at Mount Eden Vineyards
- 1977 Traveled to France and explored grape clone research at University of Beaune
Moved to Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
- 1977-84 Founding Winemaker at Matanzas Creek Winery
- 1981 Purchased property in Russian River Valley for family winery
- 1984 Built Merry Vintners Winery — focused on Chardonnay
Began her winemaking consulting business
- 1985 Taught the first grape clonal seminar at UC Davis
- 1989-91 Vice President and Winemaker at Laurier Winery
- 1996 Purchased 24-acre future site of Meredith Estate vineyard
- 1997 Co-founded Meredith Vineyard Estate and produced the first vintage of *Merry Edwards Pinot Noir*
- 1998 Planted Meredith Estate vineyard
- 1999 Released first vintage of 1997 *Merry Edwards Pinot Noir*
With her husband, Ken, purchased 9.5-acre future site of Coopersmith vineyard
and Merry Edwards Winery, in central Russian River Valley
- 2001 Planted Coopersmith Estate vineyard, named for husband Ken
- 2004 Winemaker of the Year, *San Francisco Chronicle*



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- 2005 Named “One of America’s Top Fifty Most Influential Winemakers” by *Forbes*
Named a Pioneer Woman Winemaker by the National Women’s History Project
Wine & Spirits Magazine named Pinot Noir #1 Most Popular in 16th Annual Restaurant Poll
- 2006 Secured 30-year land lease and planted Georganne vineyard
Broke ground for Merry Edwards Winery at Coopersmith vineyard site
2003 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir is named 21st in *Wine Spectator’s* “Top 100 Wines of 2006”
- 2007 2005 Sauvignon Blanc is named 40th in *Wine Spectator’s* “Top 100 Wines of 2007”
Wine & Spirits Magazine named Pinot Noir #1 Most Popular in 18th Annual Restaurant Poll
Merry Edwards Winery opens in Sebastopol, CA
- 2008 2006 Sauvignon Blanc is named 37th in *Wine Spectator’s* “Top 100 Wines of 2008”
Secured 20-year lease of Sanchietti vineyard
- 2009 Secured 10-year lease of Flax vineyard
Triple “Top 100 Wines of 2009”:
2007 Sauvignon Blanc is named 9th (#1 white wine) in *Wine Spectator*
2006 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir is named 28th in *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*
2007 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir in *San Francisco Chronicle*
Wine & Spirits Magazine named Pinot Noir #1 Most Popular in 20th Annual Restaurant Poll
- 2010 *Wine & Spirits Magazine* named Pinot Noir #3 Most Popular in 21st Annual Restaurant Poll and #26 of the top 50 best-selling wines in America’s top restaurants
- 2011 *Wine & Spirits Magazine* named Pinot Noir #1 Most Popular in 22nd Annual Restaurant Poll, as well as #9 Sauvignon Blanc and #9 of the top 50 best-selling wines in America’s top restaurants



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Named a finalist in the James Beard Foundation's annual awards for Outstanding Wine and Spirits Professional, her fourth consecutive nomination

Affiliations: American Society of Enology and Viticulture
Sonoma County Grape Growers
Russian River Valley Winegrowers
Past President
Member of the Executive Board