

- 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**
  - Met future husband, Ken Coopersmith, on Grand Canyon rafting trip
  - Co-founded Meredith Vineyard Estate and produced the first vintage of *Merry Edwards Pinot Noir*
- 1998**
  - Ken and Merry wed
  - Planted Meredith Estate vineyard
- 1999**
  - Released 1997 vintage, first *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
  - Produced first vintage of *Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc*
- 2002**
  - Released 2001 *Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc*, the first vintage
- 2004**
  - Winemaker of the Year, *San Francisco Chronicle*
  - Named one of “The 50 Most Influential Winemakers in the World” by *Wine and Spirits Magazine*
- 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 Merry’s 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
- 2003 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir named #21 in *Wine Spectator’s* “Top 100 Wines of 2006”
- Olivet Lane Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc included in the “Top 100 Wines of 2006” in *San Francisco Chronicle*
- *Merry Edwards* named one of “The Magnificent 30” in *Wine Spectator’s* California Pinot Noir Issue

**2007**

- 2005 Sauvignon Blanc named #40 in *Wine Spectator’s* “Top 100 Wines of 2007”
- *Wine & Spirits Magazine* named Merry’s Pinot Noir #1 Most Popular in 18th Annual Restaurant Poll
- *Merry Edwards Winery* opens in Sebastopol, CA

**2008**

- 2006 Sauvignon Blanc named #37 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 ranked #9 (#1 white wine) in *Wine Spectator*
- 2006 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir named #28 in *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*
- 2007 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir in *San Francisco Chronicle*
- *Wine & Spirits Magazine* named Merry’s Pinot Noir #1 Most Popular in 20th Annual Restaurant Poll

**2010**

- *Wine & Spirits Magazine* named Merry’s 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 Merry’s 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
- Named a finalist in the James Beard Foundation’s annual awards for Outstanding Wine and Spirits Professional, her fourth consecutive nomination

- *Wine Spectator* named 2009 Sauvignon Blanc #28 wine in Top 100 Wines.
- 2012**
- Tapped to be inducted into Culinary Institute of America's Vintners Hall of Fame in 2013
  - *Wine Enthusiast* named 2009 Klopp Ranch #5 on its "Top 100 Wines for 2012" after giving the vintage 98 points
  - Named a finalist in the James Beard Foundation's annual awards for Outstanding Wine and Spirits Professional, her fifth consecutive nomination
  - *Wine Spectator* named 2010 Sauvignon Blanc #1 SB for the sixth consecutive year, with scores of 92 or above all six years
- 2013**
- In her 40th year as a winemaker, Merry is inducted into the Culinary Institute of America's Vintners Hall of Fame
  - Named Outstanding Wine, Beer or Spirits Professional by the James Beard Foundation after six consecutive years of being named a finalist
  - *Wine & Spirits* magazine named Pinot Noir No. 4 most popular in 24th annual Restaurant Poll, Sauvignon Blanc No. 6 and the winery was named No. 8 most popular wine overall in America's finest restaurants
  - Intowine.com poll named Merry No. 2 on a list of the 100 Most Influential Winemakers in the United States
  - *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine named Merry among the 20 Most Admired People in the North American Wine Industry
  - *Global Traveler* magazine, in the results of its Wines on the Wing Wine Competition, named Merry Edwards 2011 Sauvignon Blanc Best North American White Wine
  - Merry was chosen to select the wines for the James Beard Foundation's Women in Whites Gala Fund-Raiser, featuring a star-studded lineup of women winemakers and chefs
- 2014**
- Merry's granddaughter August is born
  - For the second year in a row, Merry is named one of the 20 Most Admired Winemakers in North America by *Vineyard and Winery Management* magazine
  - Merry Edwards Winery is featured on *Forbes.com* for being served in Business Elite class on Delta Airlines
  - *Sonoma Magazine* features Merry in an article about all the winemakers she has mentored during her more than 40 years in the business
  - As part of the endowed Walt Klenz Lectureship Series at the Robert Mondavi Institute, which brings world-class winemakers and industry professionals to the UC Davis campus, Merry presented her talk "My Forty Year Journey" to a standing-room-only crowd in the Silverado Vineyards Sensory Theater
  - *Wine Spectator* features Merry's Sauvignon Blanc in an article about the top examples of that varietal in the United States

- Merry participated in a panel discussion in Washington, D.C., at the Politico: Women Rule conference titled “Creating Your Own Corporate Ladder: Is It Better to Go It Alone”

**2015**

- Lettie Teague of the Wall Street Journal features Merry and other women winemakers in a column: "Women Vintners Chip Away at Wineglass Ceiling"
- Wine&Spirits magazine names Sauvignon Blanc No. 2 most popular in 26th annual Restaurant Poll, Pinot Noir No. 22 and the winery was named No. 17 most popular wine overall in America's finest restaurants
- Wine Enthusiast magazine explores the various growing areas of the Russian River Valley, with extensive quotes from Merry
- Sunset magazine names Merry Edwards Pinot Noir among wines that a new collector should add to his or her fledgling cellar: "Trust producers with track records, and you'll be rewarded for your wait"
- Marriott International awards Merry its 2015 Global Beverage Diversity Award
- Inside Tucson Business features Merry in an article: "One of the most influential women in the business"

**2016**

- Merry's 2014 Sauvignon Blanc lands at No. 17 on Wine Spectator's Top 100 of 2016
- Merry is listed by Wine Spectator as being among the stars and standouts making Pinot Noir in Sonoma County
- Robert Parker calls Merry's 2013 vintage "an exceptional lineup of Pinot Noir from one of the masters and pioneers in California"
- Wine & Spirits magazine's 27th Annual Restaurant Poll ranks Merry's Pinot Noir No. 1 most frequently served in America's finest restaurants. Her Sauvignon Blanc ranks No. 2 for that varietal, and Merry Edwards Winery ranks No. 3 among the top 50 brands in the country
- Sonoma Magazine names Merry's 2013 Meredith Estate to its Top 100 of 2016

**Affiliations:**

- American Society of Enology and Viticulture
- Sonoma County Grape Growers
- Russian River Valley Winegrowers: Past president and member of the Executive Board