

- 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
- 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
 - *Sonoma Magazine* features Merry in an article about all the winemakers she has mentored during her more than 40 years in the business
 - *Wine Spectator* features Merry's Sauvignon Blanc in an article about the top examples of that varietal in the United States
- 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
 - Marriott International awards Merry its 2015 Global Beverage Diversity Award
- 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

2017

- Merry's grandson Charles Li Miller is born
- Merry donates 10% of consumer sales in the month of November and matches employee donations for a total of \$49,458 to the North Bay Fire Relief Fund to help the area recover from the October firestorms
- Lettie Teague of *The Wall Street Journal* names Merry's 2015 Sauvignon Blanc No. 1 on her list: “Sauvignon Blanc for the Saavy: A Global Guide to 10 Top Bottles”
- *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 comes in at No. 4 for that varietal, and Merry Edwards Winery ranks No. 2 among the top 50 brands in the country
- Merry is named the 2017 Tete du Cuvee honoree and her auction lot raises \$90,000 (doubled at \$45,000) for the American Heart Association at the 2017 Cotes du Coeur in Dallas

2018

- Robert Whitley says “naming Merry Edwards the 2018 Domestic Winery of the Year was a relatively easy call. The Merry Edwards winery, located in California's Russian River Valley, enjoyed a stunning level of excellence that should be the envy of the U.S. wine industry”
- *IntoWine.com* names Merry No. 72 on its Top 100 Most Influential People in U.S. Wine: “As a Vintners Hall of Fame inductee she was the founding winemaker at Matanzas Creek Winery and as a consultant has made wines for such clients as Pellegrini Family Vineyards, Liparita Cellars, Lambert Bridge Winery and Fritz Winery. She taught the first clonal seminar at UC Davis. She has been making Pinot Noir longer than any woman and most men and was instrumental in showcasing Russian River Valley Pinot Noir.”
- Merry is named among the “20 top independently owned wineries” on the North Coast by the *North Bay Business Journal*

2019

- Merry Edwards Winery is purchased by Champagne Louis Roederer, a legendary, seven-generation winemaking family in France
- The California State Fair honors Merry with a Lifetime Achievement Award
- Merry is the Vintner Honoree at the Sonoma County Wine Auction and her lot with the San Francisco 49ers raises \$115,000
- *Wine Spectator* quotes Merry extensively in an article titled “Sauvignon Blanc Revolution”

- Cathrine Todd of *Forbes.com* writes: “Merry has had the strength and fortitude to take on all the various challenges to achieve the ultimate expression of place through Pinot Noir in the New World.”

2020

- Merry Edwards retires on Feb. 14, 2020

Affiliations:

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