



MERRY EDWARDS
WINERY AND VINEYARDS

GEORGANNE VINEYARD

In spring 2006, Merry and her husband, Ken, met Georganne and Bob Proctor at the Proctors' home on Westside Road. It is a lovely estate overlooking Dry Creek to the north and Russian River Valley to the south. They wanted to replace an old Chardonnay vineyard with



Pinot Noir and needed advice on rootstock and clonal selections.

Sitting on their deck that first afternoon and sharing a glass of wine, Merry asked if they would be willing to lease the site. Georganne was thrilled. Development began immediately, with some 30 pits being dug to explore soil types. An unusual type of vine spacing was used to adjust for the differences in soil vigor. Rows were spaced 8 feet apart, but the distance between vines varied from 3 to 5 feet within

the row. In addition, seven different irrigation blocks were installed to accommodate variations in soil drainage. Another innovation was to orient the rows at 20 degrees off magnetic north, to allow the leaf canopy to protect clusters from sunburn.

In 2009, commenting on the first vintage of Georganne, Merry said, "I have high expectations for our newest vineyard. Even at a young age, the wines are showing deep color, generous dark fruit and rich, supple tannins."

- ❖ **Appellation:** Russian River Valley
- ❖ **Acres:** 7.25
- ❖ **Exposure:** Varied, rolling hilltop
- ❖ **Soil type:** Arbuckle Gravelly Sandy Loam
- ❖ **Rootstock:** 10114
- ❖ **Year planted:** 2006
- ❖ **Scion wood clone:** UCD 37 (the Merry Edwards selection)
- ❖ **Vine spacing:** 3 to 5 feet (varied) x 8 feet; vertical trellis