

CARICATURE

= KAREN BIRMINGHAM =

It was my love of wine, food, science and nature that first attracted me to winemaking.

I was officially introduced to wine as a student working as a research assistant in the lab within the Department of Food Science at Washington State University.

I concentrated on wine fermentations for my MS in Food Science, after I completed my BS in Microbiology.

I'm originally from Sacramento, California.

I'm often asked why the wine industry, and at the end of the day I wanted to immerse myself with other people that share the same passion.

I love a nice glass of Chardonnay!

As newlyweds my husband and I purchased an old farm house on a hill with 5 acres of Merlot grapes in the middle of the rolling vineyards in the Clements Hills of California.

After working at Robert Mondavi, Woodbridge, I joined LangeTwins Family Winery and Vineyards in 2008.

My favorite time of the year is harvest.

Watching the winegrapes come in, tasting the juices every day, making decisions on how to move wines forward in the winemaking process. It's an exciting time that requires constant attention to each individual wine lot.

But I always look forward to harvest coming to an end...

it's very rewarding to sit down to taste all the new wines from the season.

"When not thinking about wine, I enjoy spending time with my husband and children."

The most surprising thing about winemaking is the amount of time I spend at a computer.

You have to manage multiple varieties and vintages in different stages of the winemaking process!

I love creating blends that represent the very best of the region.

When I have a free moment without my family and wine, I'm in my garden!



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