

GROVE STREET WINERY

A Generation of Sonoma County Winemaking Tradition

Meet Winemaker

Nancy Walker

Passion, Commitment & Experience



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It is often said that the role of a truly great winemaker is to lovingly guide the fruit along its journey from vineyard to bottle. Since 1984 when she first began crafting her skills as a winemaker at Geyser Peak, Nancy has been passionately guiding and crafting wines that speak of their origin in each vineyard and are testimony to their true varietal character. In Nancy’s own words, “Every bottle of wine I produce has my commitment of bringing the wine drinker the true flavors realized from that terroir and is a specific and individual expression.”

A graduate of the acclaimed enology program at the University of California at Davis, Nancy was Assistant Winemaker at Clos du Bois followed by her being appointed the founding winemaker at Brutocao Cellars in 1991. In 1998, she joined the winemaking team at Fetzer Vineyards where she remained until taking hold of the winemaking reins at Winery Exchange in 2005. Today Nancy is Director of Winemaking at Grove Street Winery and owner of her own consulting business where she advises small producers of ultra-premium wines.

Nancy and her husband, winemaker Tony Stephen, live in Mendocino County where, in her spare time, she is also the loving mother of two sons.