

Merry Edwards Winery



AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S FIRST FEMALE WINEMAKERS, MERRY EDWARDS began her career in 1974. After making wine at Mount Eden Vineyards, Matanzas Creek, and a host of other wineries, in 1997, family and friends joined Merry to found Merry Edwards Winery. She and her husband, Ken Coopersmith, now manage five estate vineyards. Two regional blends and six vineyard designates are bottled. In 2001, a barrel-fermented Sauvignon Blanc blend was added to the portfolio and has been lauded as the best Sauvignon Blanc being made in the United States.

Merry received a wide range of critical acclaim and accolades in 2010. She has been called the Queen of Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc, and has been billed by the *Robb Report* as "a maverick" whose "Sonoma pinot noirs are finely crafted expressions of place that combine the structural grace of great burgundies with a distinctly Californian ripeness." Her wines have graced many Top 100 lists, with her 2007 Sauvignon Blanc chosen as No. 9 wine in the world on *Wine Spectator's* top wines in 2009 list (the No. 1 white wine in the world); her 2007 Meredith Estate Pinot Noir was named No. 24 on *Wine Enthusiast's* 2010 list after earning a 97-point score; and her 2007 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir was rated 97 points in 2010 by *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine*.

Merry's current releases include a 2008 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, with scents of crushed, sweet red cherries, ripe raspberries, and jasmine tea; her multifaceted 2008 Russian River Pinot Noir, with aromas of dark cherry, rich plum, and chocolate; and her 2008 Meredith Estate Pinot Noir, which offers a rich perfume of violets and with further aeration, aromas of candied black cherry, cocoa, and cinnamon emerge.

Merry and Ken completed their new state-of-the-art winery facility in 2008 on the site of Coopersmith Vineyard. In this new venue, tastings are hosted to educate visitors about Merry's handcrafted wines and site-specific viticulture. Merry's wines are available in fine-dining establishments and direct from the winery at 888-388-9050 or www.merryedwards.com. ●



Merry Edwards (left); Merry Edwards Winery (above)