

FIDDLEHEAD CELLARS

Kathy Joseph – Proprietor / Winemaker / Grape Herder / Head Fiddle



Owner, winemaker and farmer, artist and chemist, number cruncher, marketing maestro, and head fiddle-talker; Kathy thrives on a busy schedule. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, before pursuing graduate studies in enology at the University of California, Davis. Prior to starting Fiddlehead Cellars in 1989, Kathy was employed by several North Coast wineries including Simi Winery (1981) (learning PR stuff and tasting with Zelma Long), Joseph Phelps Winery (1982) (learning about pumps, forklifts, dump trucks, and the art of wine blending under the tutelage of Walter Schug and Craig Williams), Long Vineyards (1983) (learning about viticulture and small winery details from Bob and Zelma Long) and Robert Pecota Winery (1984-1988) (learning the biz from top to bottom). Kathy's winemaking focus is on crafting wines that speak to the place of the wines, all with gorgeous, elegant flavors and sexy, silky textures. When she's not in the cellar encouraging each barrel to its optimal perfection, in the market gaining new devotees, or wrangling a spreadsheet at her Davis office – she is enthusiastically having a conversation with the vines at her Fiddlestix Vineyard in the Santa Rita Hills.