



Larry Langbehn

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING TEAM

The Team at LedgeWood Creek Winery & Vineyard Consulting winemaker Larry Langbehn has been affiliated with LedgeWood Creek Winery since it started in 2001. He is responsible for all aspects of wine production, including processing methodology, styling, daily work schedules, and the layout and equipping of the cellar. As a consultant, Larry has a number of clients, from the Suisun Valley to Napa Valley to eastern Sonoma County.

Larry is a graduate of UC Davis, with a degree in chemistry and advanced coursework in winemaking. In fact, he spent several years as a practicing chemist before settling in to a career in the wine industry. He has a strong appreciation for a methodical approach to problem solving in general, and to wine making in particular.

LedgeWood Creek is a fairly new winery requiring Larry to focus attention on the style for each wine. The nature and quality of the grapes coming to the winery is the key in this process. As the grapes come from the vineyard, he determines processing and aging methods that guide the wines to their final flavor profile.

Langbehn has been making premium wines for nearly 30 years. He has worked with virtually all major varieties in California. His greatest experience is with Bordeaux varieties and Chardonnay. Recently, he has been honing his skills with LedgeWood Creek's Rhone varieties and feels they are of superior quality. In addition to being a consultant in California, Larry has managed his own family winery, worked with winemakers in Eastern Europe and China, and even did a stint as a vinegar maker (deliberately).

Larry has two major interests outside the wine industry. The first is classical music. His favorite musicians are Hélène Grimaud (pianist) and Anne-Sophie Mutter (violinist). When not listening to music, he likes to frequent commercial pyrotechnic displays. He lives for Presidents' Day Weekend in February for the annual Western Pyrotechnic Convention in Arizona. Says Langbehn, "It's the ultimate form of performance art!"

Growing up in Sacramento, Larry now resides in Santa Rosa with his wife, his son, and Audrey, the wonder dog, who *is* allowed to be on the bed!



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