

# THE STORY OF LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

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Don & Rhonda Carano, Owners



Christy Ackerman, Winemaker

When Don and Rhonda Carano discovered Lazy Creek Vineyards, their first thought was, “What a magical place!” Driving up a narrow dirt road off of Highway 128, across three rough-hewn wooden bridges surrounded by majestic redwoods and rambling bushes, they found a small winery and a 100-year-old farmhouse nestled in a hollow surrounded by rolling hills, vineyards and gardens. Instantly smitten, they purchased the 95-acre ranch, which at the time was planted to roughly 40 acres of grapes including Pinot Noir, Gewürztraminer, Riesling, and Chardonnay.

Don and Rhonda are dedicated to the philosophy and tradition of producing European/Alsatian-style wines. “We believe that great wines begin in the vineyard, and we feel honored to carry on the tradition of superbly-crafted, artisan wines established by those before us at Lazy Creek,” says Don.

The future of Lazy Creek Vineyards is bright and exciting, as Don and Rhonda, also owners of Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery, have spent years accumulating and cultivating some of the finest vineyard properties in all of California, and Pinot Noir vineyards are no exception.

**WINE ENTHUSIAST** 93  
MAGAZINE POINTS

**Wine Spectator** 95  
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