



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

Biography- Ronni Lacroute

Ronni Lacroute grew up in the suburbs of New York City and Washington, D.C., and then finished high school in Switzerland, which is how she first learned to drink wine and to think in French. After earning a BA in French at Cornell University, she completed a Master's degree in Romance Languages at the University of Michigan. Several subsequent years of life in France included graduate degrees at the Sorbonne, much thinking in French, and a better selection of wines.

The next stage of her life began with a return to the U.S., 14 years of teaching French in Massachusetts, much more thinking in French, periodic wine drinking, and then a momentous move to the West Coast. Next, she spent 14 years in Silicon Valley, California, with occasional teaching, much organic gardening, additional thinking in French, and a strong focus on tasting fine wines.

After visiting many vineyards in California and France, Ronni dreamed of creating a high-quality, family wine estate. It was also in California that Ronni became devoted to yoga and the growing of fruit trees (while only sometimes thinking in French). In 1997, Ronni became an Oregonian and is proud to reveal that she now can think in Oregonian as well as in French.



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