

CHRIS SORENSON

WINEMAKER AT CROOKED VINE WINERY

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST AS A WINEMAKER?

More than 20 years ago Earl Ault from Cedar Mountain winery gave me my start and taught me a ton about winemaking.

WHAT IS YOUR WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY?

I like to allow wine to express itself and while I am far from a believer in the "hands off" approach to winemaking I avoid using the additives some of the larger wineries are into these days.

WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO PURSUE WINEMAKING AS A CAREER?

Starting out working in wine production as a teenager I fell in love with the seasons of winemaking. At different times of the year we are doing completely different things and we get a direct and notable change from most of the things we are doing.

WHICH OF YOUR WINES REPRESENTS YOUR VISION THE BEST?

I love blends and the Moxie is the Crooked Vine wine that matches my vision the best as it is completely different from any of its individual pieces.

DO YOU HAVE A GO-TO WINE AND FOOD PAIRING?

Chardonnay and raw oysters.

WHAT WINE VARIETAL DO YOU THINK IS UNDERRATED?

Cabernet Franc

ANY WINEMAKING TIPS FOR SOMEONE JUST STARTING OUT IN THE INDUSTRY?

Be ready to really work and never stop learning. Also, winemaking is mostly cleaning so if you can't find enjoyment in that you should probably do something else.

WHEN YOU ARE ALL WINE-D OUT, WHAT IS YOUR DRINK OF CHOICE?

Other than wine my go to is beer (IPA's mostly).

IF YOU COULD EAT ONE MEAL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

My dad's BBQ pork spareribs (and no he won't give you the recipe)

WHAT BRINGS YOU THE GREATEST JOY?

Getting home in time to hang with my wife and 2 kids before bedtime.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE LOOKS STUPID DOING?

Taking selfies.



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- Chris Sorenson,
Crooked Vine Winery



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ESTATE GROWN, PREMIUM WINES

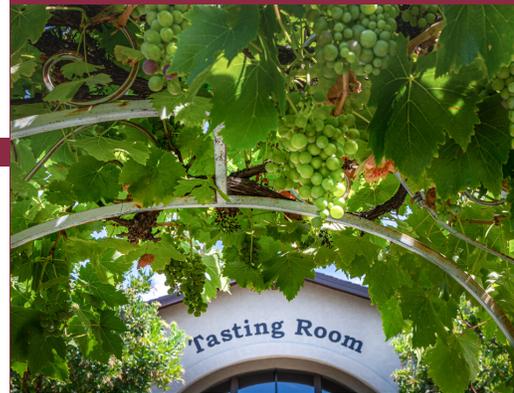
Our vineyards give distinctive character to the varietals we produce. One of the most intimate settings in the Livermore Valley, with beautifully landscaped grounds and the warm feel of our barrel room, our winery is perfect for your memorable wedding or special event! Visit us soon - we will fill your glass with the latest happenings, events and special offers.

HISTORY

Crooked Vine & Stony Ridge Winery is a family owned and operated winery and vineyard. We are located in the beautiful Livermore Valley Wine Country. At Crooked Vine & Stony Ridge Winery, our unique settings feature beautifully landscaped grounds and stunning views of the vineyards. Our facility and award winning wines ensure that your visit will be truly remarkable.

The origin of the winery dates back to the historic Ruby Hill Vineyard that was established in 1887. In 2007, the Corbett family purchased the Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge Winery with a dream of producing 100 percent estate-grown wines, controlling the winemaking process from fruit to bottle. Through hard work and persistence, the Corbett family created world-class estate wines that have garnered local and international awards.

Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge is a full production winery. Our wines are made from 100 percent Livermore fruit and are produced from our 180-acre estate vineyard, Del Arroyo Vineyard. Our vineyard was established by the Corbett family in 1995 and produces some of the finest red and white varietals in the Livermore Valley. Our wines yield whites ranging from sparkling malvasia Bianca to toasty chardonnay and crisp viognier. We produce elegant cabernet sauvignons, fruit-driven and peppery petite sirahs, and beautifully award winning blends to round out our red offerings. We produce more than 16 varietals from which to choose. So you will be sure to find that perfect wine.



TASTING ROOM

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Tasting Room Hours

Winter Hours

Monday 11 am–4:30 pm
Thurs–Sat. 11 am–4:30pm
Sunday 12 pm–4:30pm
Closed Tuesday and
Wednesday



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