



## KINKEAD RIDGE EXCLUSIVELY VINIFERA

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### BIOGRAPHIES



#### Ron Barrett, Winegrower

Ron grew up in Columbus, Ohio. He moved to Oregon in the mid-70's and soon developed an association with the fledgling local wine industry. Subsequent to an electrical engineering career in Oregon and Massachusetts, he worked for Knudsen Erath Winery in the mid-80s, and in 1987 purchased 40+ acres of prime grape ground in Yamhill, Oregon. On this site, Chehalem Valley Vineyards, he grew Pinot Noir, Riesling, Chardonnay, and Pinot Blanc. The grapes were sold to several major wineries in the Portland area. This vineyard was sold to Tony Soter (Etude, Soter, Beacon Hill) in 1998. Ron returned to his roots in Ohio, where he used to help his grandfather on a family farm in Columbus. He and Nancy purchased a 126 acre farm with a Gothic Revival farmhouse built in 1880. His goal is to create high quality wines made exclusively from vinifera. Much of the vineyard is planted with vines that have been bench-grafted personally by Ron with high quality rootstock and scion wood. Ron has served on the prestigious Viticulture Consortium at Cornell University, which evaluates grant applications and dispenses grant funding.

#### Nancy Bentley, Managing Partner

Nancy grew up in Staten Island, New York, and had a successful graphic design and typesetting career in Manhattan. She lived in London for 3 years, and then moved to Portland, Oregon. In 1980 she graduated from University of California, Santa Cruz, with a degree in computer science. In 1983, after working for several small Silicon Valley companies, she joined Sun Microsystems as a technical support specialist. After 11 years with Sun, she switched gears, and graduated with honors from the Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute in Portland, Oregon. She worked at the prestigious University Club in Portland with the extraordinary Chef Willy Madsen before moving to Ohio to begin Kinkead Ridge Vineyard and Winery.