



RED DIAMOND



LAURA SORGE WINEMAKER

Laura Sorge is the winemaker for Red Diamond, a Washington state winery dedicated to producing premium Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Chardonnay.

Sorge, a native of Seattle, came to winemaking after a successful career in bio-pharmaceutical research and development. "It was really gratifying to work on a variety of products that could make a difference in patients' lives," she explains. Next, Sorge worked at a nonprofit organization focusing on the health of women and children in developing nations. While tremendously rewarding, she knew there was something more.

Deciding to pursue her lifelong fascination with wine, Sorge moved to Prosser, in eastern Washington, and enrolled in the enology program at Washington State University. Her experience in the lab and familiarity with chemical theories and processes made her a star candidate for an internship at Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, and she soon put her studies on hold to work at the winery full time as an intern in 2005. In 2006 Sorge was promoted to enologist, a position that allowed her to continue using her science background blended with the art and creativity of winemaking. In 2010, Sorge was named winemaker for Red Diamond.

"I want to make wines that everyone can enjoy. Red Diamond wines aren't meant to intimidate or mystify people," says Sorge. "They are approachable, fruit-forward and have a unique style to them."

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