

# BERGEVIN LANE

## VINEYARDS

### **OVERVIEW**

Bergevin Lane Vineyards is dedicated to producing just under 10,000 cases of premium red and white wines. The varietals include: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrahs, red and white blends, Viognier, Reserve Syrah and Bordeaux Blend called "Intuition."

Our goal is to design wines that are well-balanced, fruit forward and structured so that they may be cellared or enjoyed immediately.

### **Vision**

The vision that we share is to create elegant-styled wines that reflect harmony between fruit and oak. Stylistically, we make wines that reflect the unique terroir attributes, while maintaining integrity to the varietal characteristics. Some of our favorite adjectives for our wines include: food friendly, fruit-driven, structured and smooth... And simply put, wines that all can enjoy for any occasion.

### **The Story**

In the beginning months of 2002, Annette Bergevin and Amber Lane co-founded and created Bergevin Lane Vineyards with Gary Bergevin (Annette's father). The goal for Amber and Annette was to "leave the rat race behind"

in California and get back to what they each wanted from life. Annette wanted to be close to her family and long-time friends and Amber wanted to take on new challenges and continue her personal path of growth and education. Gary's 20 years of experience in the wine industry in both the vineyard and business aspects, was the catalyst to start the winery. Together they brainstormed, worked hard, and brought to fruition Bergevin Lane.

Today, Annette manages the daily operations including sales and marketing. If you visit the winery, you might see her with a broom/ dustpan in her hands or wrestling with a case of wine for delivery. Being an owner of a smaller winery includes responsibilities that are not as glamorous as what she envisioned in her "dreams" but she will attest that she are doing what she loves and loves what she is doing....after all, there is great wine to drink at the end of the day!

The winery officially opened its doors in May 2003 and is housed in a 20,000 square foot "modern industrial" building located in downtown Walla Walla. The Bergevin family's roots run deep in Walla Walla, having settled in the area in the mid-1800's. With respected history in the community, a passionate knowledge of the wine industry, and strong business savvy, Bergevin Lane Vineyards was born.

### **The Wine Making**

All of Bergevin Lane's grapes are hand-picked and delivered to the winery. The fruit is transferred onto a sorting table where all damaged or sun-burnt grapes, twigs, and leaves are removed to ensure the quality of the fruit. The fruit is gently removed from the stems and using gravity flow methods

is put into temperature controlled tanks where primary fermentation commences. Extraction techniques during and after fermentation include rotation pump-overs and punch downs and depending on the fruit, post-fermentation maceration depending upon the fruit structure. Then the wine is gently pumped into new oak barrels for the malo-lactic fermentation process. The wines age between 14 and 26 months in our temperature controlled barrel rooms.

Walla Walla shares the same latitude (46°) as Bordeaux, France. The long, hot sunny days and cool night temperatures make for ideal growing conditions that produce ripe, structured wines. Our premium grapes are hand picked and sourced from approximately 12 vineyards within the Walla Walla and Columbia Valleys. The winery currently has 30 year leases – totaling 5 acres at Les Collines Vineyard. We have long term acreage contracts with Stone Tree Vineyards in the Wahluke Slope and Francisca's Vineyard in Walla Walla. In addition to our current vineyard portfolio, in March of 2011 we planted 21 acres at Bergevin Springs Vineyard located just north of Walla Walla where the Bergevin family homesteaded in the early 1900's. This year marks the vineyards fifth year and we are super excited about the quality coming off our vineyard! Because we believe that to make good wine, you have to have good fruit, we work closely with all of our vineyard growers and buy our fruit by the acre vs. ton to ensure the utmost quality of our fruit.

### **Winemaker**

Dave Harvey joined Bergevin Lane in early 2012. He brings 20+ years of winemaking experience in Washington State working for notable wineries such as Townshend Cellars, Gordon Brothers and Terra Blanca.