

DOGWOOD & THISTLE

Owned by husband and wife team Sandy and Erin Robertson, Dogwood & Thistle is a passion project which allows us to work with small lots of fruit and make the wines that we love to drink and dream of sharing.

With the dogwood being the state flower of Virginia (where Erin was born and raised), and the thistle being the flower of Scotland (where much of Sandy's family is from), the name represents our personal and professional backgrounds coming together to build a life that we love. We split our time between Northern California and Charlottesville, Virginia raising our daughter, Beatrice, and our corgi, Pickle.

Our inaugural release was 60 cases of 2017 Oppenlander Pinot Noir and 150 cases of 2018 Mariah Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, both from Mendocino, CA. We released these two wines on April 1, 2019 to our mailing list and a select number of wholesale accounts. We currently make just under 1000 cases of wine annually and are distributed in select markets in the United States and Canada.



Sandy Robertson – winemaking

Born in Hong Kong, bred in England, Sandy started his career working at wineries in France and England and graduated from Plumpton College, University of Brighton, with honors in Viticulture and Oenology. He came to Sonoma County in 2007 to work in the cellar at Merry Edwards Winery and stayed on after harvest, eventually moving up the ranks to become Assistant Winemaker for the prestigious brand. In late 2014 he struck out on his own, forming Hally Wine Company, and consults for several small wineries. When he's not in a vineyard or cellar, he can usually be found playing rugby with his mates, tending the grill, or hiking with Pickle.

Erin Robertson – marketing and sales

Erin started in the wine industry after graduating from Virginia Tech in 2001, moving to New York City and working for B.R. Guest restaurant group in Manhattan. She made her way out to California in 2008 after working in her home state of Virginia at a bottle shop and for a local distributor. After five years as the National Sales Manager at Laird Family Estate in Napa, and four years at Ste. Michelle Wine Estates as the Marketing Manager for their luxury California wineries - Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Conn Creek Napa Valley, and Patz & Hall. – and then as the Director of Marketing for Round Pond Estate. Erin holds an Executive MBA in the Wine Industry from Sonoma State University, is a huge bookworm, and sometimes does karaoke against her better judgement.



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