



LIONS PEAK

When you meet Jennifer Arant, the owner, sommelier, and wine maker of Lions Peak, you know that there is a story behind the artistic wine labels, decorative interiors of her tasting room, and vineyard house. Beyond the eclectic design of tasting room, the history of Lions Peak is in plain view. Library wines dating back to 1994 are on the wine racks, as well as the current releases, and there is a rich history of awards to be seen from the most renowned wine competitions in California. A story awaits you to hear about the rich legacy of Lions Peak!

Arant entered the world of wine through the back door. She said, “As a child, growing up in a farming town in West Texas, there wasn’t much to do except watch old Hollywood movies, dance, listen to classical music and the top 40, and dream of being in California.”

Her dreams as a young child, led her to a career in which her imagination and creativity flourished, the world of interior design. The world where you could close your eyes and picture all the beauty of the arts, and then you could create it. And, thus the story begins to unfold, from the West Texas farmland to the cosmopolitan city of Dallas, where as a young girl her family would take her to see the splendor of the early days of Neiman-Marcus.

Jennifer became educated in the school of design and architecture at the University of Texas in Denton, and she started her first career as a professional residential and model home designer in Dallas,

Texas. Intuitively she knew that this was just the beginning of her dreams. Arant knew that her destiny was to head West, and therefore, she made a decision that was life changing. Arant rented her home in Dallas, packed up her prized 3x5 Persian rug, oriental

lamp, clothes, and headed to LA in her French Peugeot to take a position as a Senior Designer with one of the most prestigious design houses in Southern California and never looked back.

However, LA was just Arant’s the first California stop. Life continued to have new plans for her and on a Valentine’s Day trip in 1991 her life style changed from the design world LA and Dallas to the country vineyard life in the early days of the Paso Robles AVA. Arant would be first to tell you that there is more to owning a vineyard than sitting on the veranda watching the sunset and drinking a glass of wine. “Having a vineyard is farming 12 months a year and depends on Mother Nature and the economics of running a small business. You wear many hats from growing the grapes, to establishing the Lions Peak brand in 1994. I have seen it all—from heavy rains to severe drought and from great hardship to prosperity. With this being said I have worked hard and feel blessed to have had the good fortune of having this legacy to share with my family and friends. Whenever I reflect on my life, I never imagined that I would be in the wine business living on a vineyard on the Central Coast of California producing wines that are highly

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recognized as some of the Best in California! Some would say, I am living the dream, but they only see the icing on the cake” she laughs.

Lions Peak’s 45 year old historical boutique Estate Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard and Victorian home in the Paso Robles AVA is nestled on a hillside with a breathtaking 180 degree views of the vineyard and distant Santa Lucia Mountains. The vineyard home is often open to wine club members by appointment.

After the 2003 earthquake in Paso Robles, Arant had the opportunity to open a tasting room in the quaint village of Solvang in Santa Barbara County. The tasting room is located on Copenhagen Dr. which is right in the heart of “little Denmark” and cannot be missed with its authentic thatched roof! The interior of the tasting room is welcoming and cozy and is an artistic expression of Jennifer’s design background. LP offers a collection of exquisite and unique wine glasses from Murano Italy, and branded wine-related accessories. Also, the tasting room offers diverse selections of tasting options which range from a red or white flight to a chocolate and dessert wine pairing. LP specializes in Bordeaux, Rhône, and dessert wines, and the tasting room is open from 11:00-7:00 Monday through Saturday. Jennifer is there most weekends to talk about her wines. If you are lucky, she will share her stories about the early years at Lions Peak, and offer her Southern hospitality to you by opening one of the library wines for you to experience the terroir and how special the vineyard is.

Lions Peak in the planning stages of reopening a tasting room which features LP Wines with an artistic design salon in Paso Robles or San Luis Obispo. Arant feels that she want to offer her wines to tasters in Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo. Tasters will have the opportunity taste LP’s wines at their Northern or Southern location and visit the boutique vineyard in the Paso Robles AVA.

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Lions Peak’s Tasting Room offers you the perfect way to discover a favorite new wine and plan that special event with family, friends, or that special someone. From the understated elegance of the tasting room to the warm and welcoming smiles of our staff, we are here to share and educate you about the world of wines!

Lions Peak offers four tasting menus for your selection. We offer a standard white or red flight that has six pours for \$15.00 or our award-winning red flight for \$20.00 with six pours. Lions Peak also features a Port wine tasting with three pours which are paired with Seattle chocolates for \$10.00.

White/ Rosé Flight

Sauvignon Gris
Lulu (Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, & Viognier)
Sisters (Marsanne, Rousanne, & Viognier)
Marsanne
Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé
Orange Muscat

Red Flight

Pinot Noir
Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon
Vis à Vis (Grenache, Syrah, & Mourvedre)
BFF (Meritage)
Zinfandel Port
Cabernet Sauvignon Port

Award-Winning Red Flight

Petit Verdot
Merlot
Cabernet Franc
Lionnesse (Meritage)
Roaring Lion
Proprietor’s Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Port & Chocolate

BFF, Zinfandel Port & Cabernet Sauvignon Port
Port Pairings with Assorted Seattle Chocolates
which are available for purchase



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The tasting room is open Monday - Saturday from 11-7pm. For more information please refer to the event page on www.lionspeakwine.com or call 805-693-5466.