

Biography of Byron Dooley

Byron Dooley traded in his high tech life for mud boots and a wine glass in 2001. Never looking back and always pushing forward, he studied enology and viticulture at Napa Valley College. Byron gained real world experience by “digging in”. He planted a vineyard on Howell Mountain in Napa, interned for respected Pinot noir producer William Selyem, and produced his own wine for enjoyment with friends and family. After earning his winemaking degree, Byron and his wife Dana were drawn back (he originally graduated from Oregon State with a degree in Computer Science) to Oregon’s Willamette Valley for its beauty, climate, and world-class Pinot noir. In spring of 2004 they purchased and planted a 12-acre vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA with favorable slope, orientation and soil composition. His Luminous Hills and Seven of Hearts wines have garnered attention locally and nationally. Meanwhile, Dana launched a chocolate business, which specializes in wine pairing chocolates. Byron enjoys sharing his passion for wine in every bottle he makes.