



Georgetta Dane, Winemaker (aka: The Warden) for Big House Wines

Georgetta Dane is Winemaker / Warden over at The Big House. Georgetta comes from Suceava, Romania, the previous capitol of the Moldovian province. Steeped in history and surrounded by vino-centric culture, Georgetta had the luck of developing a palate with thousands of different and interesting varieties of wines and wine making styles. Unlike the United States, where wine styles and varieties are driven by trends, old world markets are dominated by tradition and terroir.



Georgetta's affinity for wine is directly derived from her surroundings, family and friends. She received her Master's Degree in Food Science from Romania's prestigious Galati University. From there she moved to the South of Romania and began working for a local winery.



One night at a dinner party, some friends and Georgetta decided on a whim to apply for the US green-card lottery. A few months later, a twist of fate found Georgetta and her family with an opportunity to immigrate to America. Following destiny, she and her husband moved to Monterey Bay and arrived just in time for the harvest over at Kendall-Jackson. Georgetta's talents did not go unnoticed in the industry and ended up working her way from the lab up through winemaking to her current role as Warden of all the Big House wines. She sees winemaking as a two part process; the first revolves around the natural transformation of fermentation, while the second is the artistic endeavor. An artistic combination that involves blending aromas and flavors for blended wines or making a varietal specific Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel that's unique and inspirational. "I really enjoy the creative process, especially as it comes to blending wines," notes Georgetta, whose creativity shows up in her wines as well as her fashionable demeanor.



Georgetta's philosophy of winemaking is very influenced by her keen sense of smell. She approaches blending by breaking down the nuanced aromas of each wine and understanding how they will complement each other in the final wine. A student of the more eclectic varieties such as Tempranillo, Valdigue, Counoisé, Ruche and Primitivo, Georgetta is a perfect fit for the misfits of The Big House. She's quintessentially a perfumer surrounded by some of the best ingredients that both nature and time could offer.