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CELLARS

Lydia Cummins

Lydia began working with David Ramey in 2008.

After a childhood spend on the beaches of San Diego, Lydia began her academic career studying chemistry. She wasn't sure how she would use her training until 2002 when she had her "ah-ha" moment while visiting her aunt in Madrid. The wonderful Spanish wine & food culture inspired her to pursue a career in winemaking, and upon returning to the states, Lydia interviewed at UC Davis and immediately started taking prerequisites for their winemaking program.

After completing her degree in Viticulture and Enology from UC Davis in 2005, Lydia worked the harvest with Zaca Mesa in Santa Barbara. Then she headed to the gorgeous Franschoek Valley in South Africa to work harvest with Boekenhoutskloof.



In the fall of 2006, Lydia started working with Williams Selyem. She fell in love with the Russian River Valley and decided that she had found her home. She worked harvest 2007 with Kosta Browne, and then in 2008, Lydia joined Ramey Wine Cellars as Enologist, and was quickly promoted to Associate Winemaker. Now she's also the official winemaker of Sidebar Cellars.

When not at the winery, Lydia enjoys spending time with her two small children and her husband Chris.

About Sidebar Cellars

Sidebar means "the bar adjacent to the main bar" or "the sidelight of a main story." Sidebar Cellars is the second label of David Ramey and Ramey Wine Cellars. It is the product of the Ramey team's desire to have a little instant gratification while waiting for the Ramey bottlings to mature.