



Kathleen Inman, Owner & Winemaker

Napa Valley native Kathleen Inman began Inman Family Wines in 2000 when she planted Olivet Grange Vineyard, the 10.45-acre parcel that she farms organically in the heart of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. Kathleen has always been passionate about environmental issues. When she began making her wines, it provided an opportunity for her to meld her passion for Pinot Noir and what she calls her "eco-ethics"—sensitive farming, natural winemaking and environmentally responsible business practices.

Since Kathleen's first small vintage in 2002 she has been an ardent supporter of non-interventional winemaking practices, ignoring the critically acclaimed riper style and leading the movement towards more subtle, nuanced wines with a sense of place. Kathleen's elegant Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris are naturally low in alcohol, high in acid and food-friendly. She was the first to launch a new California luxury brand using all Stelvin closures. Another first came in 2010 when she opened the new Inman Winery, which is made almost entirely from recycled materials, with the first privately owned, publically available electric vehicle charging station in the North Bay; it is connected directly to the winery's solar array which powers 100% of the winery and vineyard.

Kathleen is a member of the American Society of Viticulture and Enology and serves on the Board of Directors of Wine Road. In 2011 she was awarded the Best Practices Award from the Business Environmental Alliance of Sonoma County Award, and in 2012, she was awarded the Rising Star Winemaker Award by Women for WineSense.