

# Lindsay Creek Vineyards

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## What Is Lindsay Creek?

- Lindsay Creek Vineyards (LCV) is owned and operated by 4<sup>th</sup> generation wheat farmers Art and Doug McIntosh.
- Art earned a certificate in Enology and his brother Doug earned his in Viticulture here at WSU.
- LCV opened November 2014 and includes a tasting room, event space for weddings or large parties, and a refrigerated barrel room for storing their wine.
- LCV receives the majority of their grapes from Eastern Washington, specifically from the Columbia Valley & Horse Heaven AVA.



Barrel Room at LCV

- They have 15 different wines including varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, and Petite Syrah.



Exterior Views of Lindsay Creek Vineyards



## My Experience

- I started off my journey at LCV as a Tasting Room Associate.
- I worked behind the bar pouring drinks to customers, elaborating on the different types of wine we offer, and facts about LCV in general.
- I would occasionally work the bar at our larger events such as concerts or weddings.



Red Flight tasting of different Valley Red blends

- I was also fortunate enough to be able to meet with their winemaker, Kelsie, on a weekly basis.
- Kelsie graduated from WSU in 2019 with a BAS in Viticulture. She was my mentor and showed me all the duties a typical winemaker performs in a day.
- I operated heavy equipment, drew samples from barrels, tasted different varieties, cleaned and sanitized, and my favorite part of all, bottled the wine.
- After weeks of preparation, a group of volunteers would come in to help us bottle a variety of wine.
- The wine went straight from the tank, through the filters, and then poured into bottles, corked, and then sealed with foil.
- Bottling Day was such an educational experience for me and I am excited to continue it throughout the fall.



Empty Sauvignon Blanc Bottles Before Bottling

## The Future

- I am going to continue my internship with LCV into the fall, however this time just with Kelsie and harvest.
- Harvest is a crucial time for the wine industry because it's the important process of crushing the grapes into wine.
- LCV this summer offered me the experience on the business and event side of the wine industry.
- Now, I am going to be focused more on the wine-making and science aspect of my career and gain valuable experience from that side.
- I am hoping to experience as many parts of the industry as possible, in order to help guide my decision of which career direction I would like to pursue within the industry.



Me in the Vineyard



My First Personal Business Card  
(I can use these at different wineries for an industry discount!)