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WOMEN WINEMAKERS *in Northern California*

*MEET THE LADIES WHO ARE CHANGING THE WINE INDUSTRY
ONE BOTTLE AT A TIME*

BY KATIE SWEENEY

IN 1886, JOSEPHINE TYCHSON BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO OWN AND OPERATE A WINERY IN NAPA VALLEY. The sudden death of her husband forced Tychson to take up the farming and winemaking herself. For eight years she ran Tychson Cellars producing 30,000 gallons of Zinfandel, Riesling, and Burgundy. Today she is recognized by Freemark Abbey, the winery that currently sits in the spot where Tychson Cellars once was, as a female pioneer. It is her can-do spirit that can be seen in the ten female winemakers listed, in alphabetical order, here. Like Tychson, these ladies are paving the way for new generations while making names for themselves in what is predominantly a male-driven industry. We raise a glass to these women, and if you come across a bottle of their wines, we advise you to do the same.

Anne Moller-Racke DONUM ESTATE

Known to some as the 'Princess of Pinot' Anne Moller-Racke's title at Donum Estate is president and winegrower. The German native believes that farming the grapes is the most important aspect of winemaking—think of her more as a plant whisper than traditional winemaker. "Wine growing is a slow process that requires patience, forcing people to commit to a place," she says. "There is no fast forward, we harvest only once a year." Moller-Racke has been in the Sonoma wine industry for 36 years and she founded Donum in 2001. The beautiful ranch-style estate sits on 187 acres of rolling Carneros hillside and is home to an incredible sculpture garden. Book a tasting with Donum and you'll not only learn about how the Pinot Noir grapes are grown, but about the sculptures that dot the property, from Carl Fredrik Reuterward's *Non-Violence* to Ai WeiWei's *Circle of Animals / Zodiac Heads*. Plus, you'll be blown away by Moller-Racke's infectious natural happiness and pure positivity. "I do see the glass half full. It is rewarding to add to quality of life. Winemaking makes you slow down, start a conversation, share a meal and smell the Pinot."



*"I love the story of the vintage, the weather. Having farmed these vineyards for over 30 years gives me a wonderful perspective. I remember each year clearly and what made that year unique." —
Anne Moller-Racke*