



About Steve Anglim
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It all started in 1971 with Boone's Farm Apple under the high school bleachers. Other than a small distraction in my early twenties with scotch, I moved on to discover wines from France – Burgundies in particular – and a developing passion. Many years later, and a long time ago, my daughter bought me a home-winemaking kit for Father's Day – a great thought, but to call it wine was a stretch. My wife naively asked if we couldn't just buy some grapes and actually make something drinkable, as we were a mere two hours south of Santa Barbara. An innocent-enough question, to be sure...

After numerous crushes in the garage, about 30,000 pages of winemaking text – philosophical, technical, and practical – and the obligatory "some time at UC Davis," I decided to get serious, ditch my corporate job, and start a winery. We searched up and down the coast looking for a place to make Pinot Noir. We considered two growing regions: Oregon, which I felt was too inconsistent for our purposes; and Santa Barbara County, my favorite by far but too expensive. So, with Pinot out, I decided on Rhônes and on Paso Robles. We launched in 2002 with Syrah and Viognier, producing in what was essentially just a bigger garage. Since then, we've made 40-50 different wines and expanded our Rhône portfolio to include Grenache, Mourvedre, Counoise, Roussanne, and Marsanne. We've also added some other varieties, including Cabernet Sauvignon (spiked with a bit of Syrah of course) and Zinfandel.

I continue to be amazed by the collegial environment on the production side of the business. The very generous winemakers of Paso Robles, many of whom have been in this business their entire lives, still take the time to answer my rather convoluted questions. And our growers have been excellent partners in quality management. In the end, Paso Robles was the perfect choice for our family, our business venture, and for me as a winemaker.

Oh, and in 2005 I did get to make my Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir after all...

Steve Anglim spent 24 years in the automotive industry in corporate finance and planning before launching Anglim Winery in 2002. He has a B.A. from Central Michigan University and an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University. His wife and partner in the winery, Steffanie Anglim, is a management consultant, with a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. They have two daughters, one in college and the other in pre-school.