

# HERON



## LAELY HERON

### Founder, Heron

Heron wines are a direct reflection of Laely's pioneering, adventurous, and globally inspired spirit. A true citizen of the world, she has lived, worked, and traveled across six continents and all 50 U.S. states, speaking multiple languages along the way.

Her nomadic childhood—spanning 12 states and North Africa—sparked a lifelong love of exploration. After studying in France, she enrolled at Bordeaux's Institute of Enology, where she trained with some of the world's top oenologists. After college, Laely moved to San Francisco and became the first American employee of the Australian giant, Lindeman's. Her career later took her from San Francisco to Denmark, where she ran an import business, opened a restaurant, taught wine classes, and pursued Master of Wine studies.

In 1994, Laely returned to California to launch Heron Wines, pioneering a fresh approach in a male-dominated industry. Her wines quickly gained "cult" status among sommeliers, chefs, and critics, earning "Best Buy" accolades and coveted placements in top restaurants. In 2012, she introduced the first vintage of LAELY Napa Cabernet.

Laely has since returned to her French roots and now owns Domaine Lux Fontis, the ethereal, micro-domaine in both Chateauneuf du Pape and Gigondas.

Now, in partnership with longtime friend Nick Ramkowsky, owner of Vine Connections, the Heron brand continues to craft wines for new generations of wine lovers to believe in. Raise a glass with us and toast 30 years of Heron Wines!



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