



CLIFF CREEK CELLARS

2ND GARVIN GENERATION BIOGRAPHIES

LEE, ROY, AND RUTH GARVIN

Lee Garvin is the first child of Vern and Dorothy Garvin. Lee married his wife Cristi in 1983 and together they raised their three children in Brookings, Oregon. Lee and Cristi have also pursued many business opportunities through the years. They took over the family’s communications and answering service business for a period of time. But, it was Lee’s love of flying that led him to his current profession as the Corporate Pilot and Purchasing Agent for South Coast Lumber in Brookings.

Roy Garvin received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Lewis and Clark College. In his senior year he worked in a research laboratory, where he studied Multiple Sclerosis. Through this work in MS he was offered the chance to undertake his masters and PhD at the University of London. While in the UK he joined forces with Alasdair Burns to start a laboratory consumables company, Microstein. The company focuses on ergonomics in the laboratory. They relocated to the Rogue Valley to establish manufacturing facilities in 2004.

The move allowed Roy to be more involved in the vineyard when needed, even dabbling in wine making. In his spare time, he continues his research into the causes of MS, and he trains and competes his own Grand Prix dressage horse.

Ruth received her bachelor’s degree from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon and bought a neighborhood coffee shop in the Portland area not long after. The neighborhood coffee shop, Papaccino’s, grew in size and expanded. Ruth owned and operated the coffee shops until 2008 when she sold her last two shops and began full time work in the family business. She now oversees all the marketing, distribution and sales operations for Sams Valley Vineyard and Cliff Creek Cellars.

