



# CLIFF CREEK CELLARS

## FOUNDERS BIOGRAPHY

### VERN AND DOROTHY GARVIN

The Garvin Family took ownership of the now vineyard property in the early 1990's. At the age of 70 Vern decided to build one more business, Sam's Valley Vineyard and began the process in 1999.

He and Dorothy have had a life full of excitement through the years. The couple was married in 1956 in Brookings, Oregon. They had their first son Lee Garvin in February of '59 followed by their second child Roy Garvin in May of '60, and their only daughter Ruth was born in July of '62. The children were always very involved in the family business and often could be found on the switch board, pulling cable and doing whatever was needed to help in building the success they have always found.

Vern was the vineyard manager supported by Dorothy from the ground break of the vineyard in '99. In 2009 at the age of 78, Vern passed away, leaving his family and community with a legacy of entrepreneurship, good stewardship and success.

Dorothy continues to actively participate in the growth of both the vineyard and the winery. She currently spends half of her time at the Vineyard and half of her time in a small coastal town on the Oregon, California border where the family roots run four generations deep.



Vern and Dorothy Garvin, 2007

***"Organic? I'm just doing the right thing, that's all."***  
*~ Vern Garvin, on growing grapes with age-old principles today called organic and sustainable.*

