



I am the hands-on owner and farmer of MANDEVILLE VINEYARDS. I had a vision for the vineyard when I was up the impassible, and almost impossible to get up hill, behind our house. I was going up the hill to cut weed vines that were growing up to the canopy of our 40 foot tall trees and starting to kill them. I cut the vines and made my way further up the hill, using a machete to carve my way. I thought maybe I could put a few rows of vines on the hill, and proceeded to cut a horizontal path from one end of the property to another, with a chain saw, to see what was there.

This is a description of who I am. I have a vision, a possibility shown to me, and I usually go for it. I am a pilot, a motorcycle rider (preference is Harley Davidson), a scuba diver, a sailor who had his own 24 foot sailboat for 15 years, an actor, an award winning director, producer, partner and dog owner. I have traveled much of the world with an eye toward discovery and a penchant for not being a traveler, but a visitor who might live there. I go to the usual places, and the off the track places that only locals might know.

I have a passion for life and to be in my life, rather than watching it. I always wanted to be self-sufficient and taught myself or went to someone who could teach me about power tools, finish detail with wood, cement and other materials. Learned how to tear apart a 1200 cc engine, was a licensed emergency medic, am on the team for earthquake emergencies, etc. for my local neighborhood.

I am a creator and the arts were a great place to create. I have been off-off Broadway, off Broadway and on Broadway as an actor. I have been in over 40 commercials, 50 plays, almost 2 dozen movies, over 30 TV shows, and directed over 35 plays, radio recordings, and co-directed 2 movies. I paint occasionally have acted and sung in musicals and been onstage as a comedian.

I have been with my partner, Donna Mills, for almost 17 years, and we have raised a daughter and many dogs along the way. We have together a penchant for wines, and travel, and theater, movies, adventures, and continue to grow with each other as our journeys take us.

I have been in class at UCLA, to discover the history of wines, to start to educate my palate and to expand my horizons of other farmers, vintners, and what exists in this amazing world. I started, like most things, and am learning on the way. I have met wine people from Australia, France, Thailand, America, Germany, South Africa, Argentina, Italy and much more of the world. What adventurers and risk takers and creators, these people are. With no guarantee of success to follow their passion, and this goes for me also. I will make the best wine, with the most hands-on, and the best grapes, that the climate and soil will allow me. I hope you enjoy this journey with me and us.