



PETER FRANUS · WINE COMPANY

DEANNE'S BIO

Deanne Franus has always loved to travel and explore, and she's visited a long list of exotic spots around the globe. But it was a 60-mile trip to Napa Valley in 2000 that changed her life.

Deanne and a friend went to Napa for a getaway-from-work weekend, and during dinner asked for a wine that was a good value, interesting, and, of course, local and delicious. Their server suggested a 1997 Peter Franus Brandlin Vineyard Zinfandel. She fell in love with the wine, and later that weekend, went for a tour and tasting. Not long after, she fell in love with the winemaker. Five years later, Deanne and Peter Franus were married.

Deanne was born in Omaha, Nebraska, went to Skidmore College in New York, then returned to earn her law degree at the University of Nebraska. She found her way to Sacramento, where she practiced family law, then political law for the California Fair Political Practices Commission. But when she met Peter, her life changed.



Deanne retired from her law career and entered what she calls the “happy” world of wine. She now runs the business side of the winery and represents it at consumer and trade tastings around the world. Her other roles are to act as both “muse” and “consumer palate” for Peter.

In addition to the wine world, her great joys are her daughter Rachel and granddaughter Ella.