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# Guide to the WillaKenzie Estate Papers

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**Ronni S. Lacroute**

**Guide to the WillaKenzie Estate Papers  
(1992 - 2008)**

**Creator:** Ronni S. Lacroute

**Title:** WillaKenzie Estate Papers

**Dates:** 1992 to 2008

**Quantity:** .25 linear feet

**Collection Number:** OWHA 08

**Summary:** WillaKenzie Estate, established by Ronni and Bernard Lacroute, is located in Yamhill, Oregon in the rolling hills of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. The first vines were planted in 1992 and additional plantings continued through 2001. This collection contains documents pertaining to the establishment of the vineyard. There is a larger collection of digital photographs depicting the development of the vineyards and of the annual harvest.

Digital items selected to highlight the collection are available here:

[http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/owha\\_willakenzie/](http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/owha_willakenzie/). Collection items available in the digital repository can include documents, photographs and/or oral history interviews.

**Repository:**

Jereld R. Nicholson Library

Linfield College

900 SE Baker Street

McMinnville, OR 97128

Reference Number: 503-883-2734

Reference Email: [archives@linfield.edu](mailto:archives@linfield.edu)

**Language:** English

**Historical Note**

Ronni Lacroute is the co-owner of WillaKenzie Estate and a Trustee for Linfield College. She was named wine person of the year in 2011 because of her philanthropic support of the arts and education.

Ronni and her then-husband Bernard Lacroute purchased a cattle ranch in 1991 and turned it into WillaKenzie Estate. WillaKenzie Estate is located in Yamhill, Oregon in

the rolling hills of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. The first vines were planted in 1992 and additional plantings continued through 2001. Today, WillaKenzie Estate is a 420-acre estate, with a state-of-the-art, multi-level, gravity-flow winery which was completed in 1995 just in time to process their first crop of grapes.

### **Content Description**

This collection contains a small amount of documents pertaining to the establishment of the vineyard such as planting plans, vineyard fact sheets, awards and promotional materials. There is a larger collection of digital photographs which depict the development of the land and vineyards, harvest, vineyard and winery tours, as well as community celebrations and events since the establishment of WillaKenzie Estate.

### **Restrictions on Access**

Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

### **Preferred Citation**

WillaKenzie Estate Papers. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Ronnie Lacroute

### **Provenance**

Ronni S. Lacroute donated WillaKenzie Estate papers to the Linfield College Archives on February 13, 2013.

### **Location of Originals**

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

### **Related Material**

None.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by archives technician Kathie Byers, with the assistance of archivist Rachael Cristine Woody.

### **Arrangement**

One small box containing six folders.