



CHAPPELLET

Carissa Chappellet

Owner, Managing Director of Legal Affairs and Corporate Governance

Carissa graduated from Monterey College of Law and went on to refine her skills specifically in mediation. It is those skills and training she brought back to the family business when she took on the role of Director of Legal Affairs.

Carissa works alongside her mother, Molly and two of her brothers, Cyril and Dominic, to run the day-to-day operations of Chappellet Winery and Vineyard. Together they are committed to the long-term sustainability of their iconic winery. Carissa also mentors those in generation three who express interest in learning about the family business.

Her Dragon Labels featured on Chappellet's Malbec have gained her a fervent following. Each year club members look forward to discovering a new Dragon of Pritchard Hill. Her dragon paintings are on display at the winery.

Carissa is the author of three books: *The Romance of California Vineyards*, portrays a visual tour of the wine country, *The Dragons of Pritchard Hill*, is a fanciful history of the Napa Valley through the eyes of her dragons, and *Poetic Moon*, features her poetry inspired by her life in Big Sur and the Napa Valley. Her photography has been published in *A Vineyard Garden*, *Gardens of the Wine Country*, and *Longhouse*.

Carissa also chairs the Chappellet Board of Director's Environmental Committee. The purpose of this committee is to keep the environment at the forefront of Chappellet's awareness. The committee brainstorms on ideas to help the company be better stewards of the land. The committee takes a broad look at creating and maintaining a healthy environment in the vineyards, workspaces, open spaces, staff, family and community.

When not working on behalf of Chappellet, Carissa explores her many areas of interest and expertise, which include a passion for bluegrass music, playing the mandolin and banjo, hiking, gardening, photography, cooking, bodysurfing and cycling. Speaking of cycling, she spent all of 2000 cycling around the world, pedaling over 15,000 miles and visiting 45 countries. Of her many loves, overshadowing all is her love for her Vizsla, Tuk.