

Kathy Joseph of Fiddlehead Cellars has a vineyard on 100 acres in Lompoc. Her mission is to "Make great wine from great places and not overly work the wine so it reflects that sense of place." A female winemaker in a largely male field, Kathy feels it's a job well-suited for her talents: "I use both sides of my brain, the nurturing and the analytical." She loves sharing her wines at events. "What fun is making wine if you can't enjoy the party?"

Family The Irishman in my life-my husband, Tom Doyle.

Also my folks and my sister. I know they will always be rooting for me.

My truck I have a second home in Davis, where my business office is, and my winery is in Lompoc. I spend a lot of time in my big old Dodge pick-up.

My sense of smell My nose is very responsive to the environment.

This makes me a good winemaker but it can also be a distraction. Smells are intoxicating. They stop me in my tracks and drive my memories.

Laughter My nickname is Giggles. Laughter is something I never want to lose.

Fresh flowers My spirits are lifted in the company of flowers.

With my winemaking nose though, I have to avoid highly scented varieties.

Massages Some people like to be touched, and I'm one of them. I like a deep, penetrating sports massage. I carry a lot of weight on my shoulders; massage offsets a fast-paced life.

New challenges As soon as I figure something out, I present myself with the next challenge. My profession is a continuing education in law, accounting, design, equipment, and winemaking.

Exercise I'm into pumping iron and have a trainer. I'm not much into using machines. I like using my own body. I need to be physical to keep in shape for a life of food and wine and vineyard work. Exercise clears my head so I have better ideas.

Cell phone and computer I move around a lot. These are the ways I stay connected to my family, my business, and my vineyard manager.

My beverages A good bottle of wine and expensive tequila. I don't have favorites. I like to decide at the moment. I tell my customers not to be stuck on a favorite, because then you stop exploring.

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