

Pioneering winemaker Eileen Crane retiring as CEO at Domaine Carneros

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Eileen Crane, a pioneering winemaker and executive who helped bring global acclaim to North Coast sparkling wine while shattering the glass ceiling in the male-dominated industry, announced she is stepping down this summer as chief executive of Domaine Carneros.



Eileen Crane is Domaine Carneros' founding winemaker and president.

“My dream from the age of 8 was to make delicious sparkling wine. From a little girl in New Jersey through a path of many adventures with twists and turns, eventually I found the career that has been more than a dream come true,” Crane said in a statement.

Over the past 33 years, Crane built the reputation of the winery’s products and also helped lead its hospitality efforts, direct-to-consumer wine sales and environmentally sound farming practices.

Crane will work the 2020 grape harvest as lead sparkling winemaker and then turn over the role to Zak Miller, who has worked with her for over a decade.