

OUR STORY - L'Angevin began as a joint venture between Alan Peirson and Robbie Meyer who met at Peter Michael Winery where Robbie was the enologist and assistant winemaker, and Alan was the estate/project manager. Joining the venture in 2002, making L'Angevin an entirely family business are Lesley Warner-Peirson and Shannon Meyer.



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THE NAME - Robbie's mother's family name, was the obvious choice when we selected a name for our endeavor. Pictured on the left is Robbie Meyer's maternal grandfather, Elphage Marcel L'Angevin. The photo was taken in 1918 in Boston. The name L'Angevin, could serendipitously be separated into the French words Ange (*angel*) and Vin (*wine*), giving us "angel wine." Actually, the name is derived from the Old French *Andegavia*, referring to the winegrowing region of Anjou, France where Robbie's ancestors lived.

THE LOGO - The three red squares originate from Alan Peirson's art history background and his interest in Asian printmaking. In Alan's own clay work and sculptures of clay, wood, stone and bronze, his signature is three stamped squares.

ROBBIE MEYER - As part owner and winemaker for L'Angevin and Peirson Meyer Wines, Robbie's interest in wine began at an early age while working with food and wine in his native city of Marietta, Georgia, leading him to serve as a restaurant wine steward when he was eighteen. His academic work was based in Biology, and he received a B.S. degree from the University of Georgia. It was his love of food and wine that brought him to study winemaking in California. His studies in plant sciences and chemistry were a great match for his graduate work at the University of California, Davis where he received his Master's Degree in Enology.

Robbie spent five vintages working at Peter Michael Winery as well as two vintages as winemaker for Lewis Cellars. He is currently consulting winemaker for Jericho Canyon and Versant Vineyards both in the Napa Valley, and Vogelzang Vineyards in Santa Barbara.

ALAN PEIRSON - A California native, growing up in Marin County, Alan began his studies as a student in Art History at the College of Marin. Surrounding his artistic life as a ceramicist and sculptor, Alan has always had an intense interest in food, wine, building, design, horticulture and landscaping. For twenty years, designing, building and managing what is now the Peter Michael Winery Estate, Alan played an integral role in the genesis and development of the estate winery and vineyard program. He also used his many talents as Estate Manager, as well as Artistic Director of a non-profit organization raising money for the performing arts.

In the summer of 2002, Alan started a new challenge on the slopes of Mt. Veeder with Sage Vineyards, developing and managing an estate vineyard. Currently Alan is focusing his full attention on Peirson Meyer Wines and the vineyard and estate development of the Laughlin Vineyard in Russian River for our L'Angevin label.

LESLEY WARNER-PEIRSON - For twenty-five years Lesley and Alan have been partners in life and work. A second generation native Californian, Lesley grew up surrounded by the walnut and fruit orchards of Los Altos. An early and intense curiosity in art, history, and science was reflected in her college education, later combining in a degree from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco.

Spending several years in Napa Valley, principally as a free-lance chef, Lesley settled with Alan in 1984 to develop what is now known as the Peter Michael Winery Estate. In addition to acting as a private chef there, her work expanded to a shared role as Estate Manager, Director of a non-profit organization raising money for the performing arts and as Special Project Coordinator for design projects and special events. Relocating to Oakville in 2002, Lesley started a new adventure, setting the framework for L'Angevin and Peirson Meyer Wines as General Manager.

SHANNON MEYER - Armed with an English major from the University of Washington, Shannon devoted nearly seven years producing children's television shows, beginning with the Emmy award-winning "Bill Nye the Science Guy" in Seattle before joining NBC's Saturday morning line-up in Burbank where she moved between such shows as "Saved by the Bell" and "Malibu, CA."

Television was shelved for web development in San Francisco once she met Robbie and moved to northern California. She recently transitioned again into a role as a pharmaceutical representative in the greater Napa Valley area, which allows flexibility in assisting with some of the details of L'Angevin and Peirson Meyer. She and Robbie were married in San Francisco's Presidio in June 2002 and live in northern Napa Valley with their sons Willem Marcel Meyer and Wynton Robert Meyer.

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