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From the age of 29, when she was studying to be a chef at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, Eileen Crane realized her true dream was to become a winemaker. She focused on sparkling wine as her niche, because she says "it is the most delicious wine and it makes me feel elegant and happy." After spending some time studying enology at UC Davis, she landed her first job at Domaine Chandon and worked her way up to assistant winemaker. From there she moved to Gloria Ferrer, where she was responsible for overseeing the building of the winery and creating a line

of sparkling wines.

Claude Taittinger personally selected Eileen to become the President/Winemaker of his new, stunning [Domaine Carneros](#) in Sonoma. So Eileen got to focus on making a French style sparkling wine and Pinot Noir with grapes from the Carneros region.

Eileen thanks bubbles for some of her best memories: "Falling in love over a bottle of Champagne and filet mignon (yes they do work together), and a bottle of bubbles on the roof of the Lake Palace in Udaipur." Certainly the stuff of dreams.

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