

High-school sweethearts Randy and Cheryl Phillips began growing grapes in Paso Robles in 1991. With two hundred acres of wine grapes, half are on the west side of Paso on the winery property and the other half are on the east side of Paso. They have been selling their fruit to local wineries for more than 20 years. In 2004 Cheryl convinced Randy to make one barrel of wine and the first commercial vintage of Red Soles was produced in 2005. Today, they still sell most of the grapes but keep 30 tons each year in order to make 2000 cases of wine under their label. With 25 different wines, no more than 150 cases of each, their wines are only available in the Red Soles tasting room.

The tasting room is casual and friendly; think of it as a mom-and-pop fruit stand that sells wine, instead of grapes.

It also doubles as the winery during harvest. Guests enjoy tasting wine in an authentic "behind the scenes" setting while the grapes ferment and wine ages in barrels. As a family owned and operated winery, Cheryl and Randy can be found working in the tasting room on weekends.

Red Soles is pet friendly and supports Wine 4 Paws, an annual weekend event in which a portion of the weekend's proceeds are donated to Wood Humane Society. The resident winery dogs are Lucy, a Greater Swiss Mountain dog, and Barney and Ruby, Bernese Mountain dogs.

By Allison Levine

VARIETALS

Chardonnay, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Tempranillo, Syrah Rosé, many blends and dessert wines

FUN FACT

- The first year Randy and Cheryl made wine was in 2004. Not having any equipment at the time, they crushed their first vintage by foot. When they finished, they sat down and saw that their feet were red and thought that Red Soles would be a cute name for a winery. While they no longer crush the grapes by foot, the memory lives on in the winery name.
- Pack a picnic and enjoy a glass or a bottle of Red Soles wine as you sit under the 350 year old oak tree overlooking the Syrah vines.

Red Soles Winery

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2 for 1 tasting when you bring in the ad, 10% off six bottles (cannot be combined with other discounts).