

## **INTERVIEW WITH DAVE LOWE**

Dave Lowe was born in San Diego and attended Crawford High School, San Diego State University and National University. Dave holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science and a Master's in Business Administration. He and his wife Janine have been married 48 years and they have two children, Rick who is Director of Operations for Darden Restaurants and April who is a Sr. Agent for Homeland Security. They have one granddaughter, Ava who is 4 years old. Dave went to High School with several recent retirees including Jim Teeter, Sue Weim, Gene Marshall, Bob Brice, Jim Cassie and Jim Rupe.

Dave began his career at SDG&E in 1968 as a Laborer in the Gas Department and held various positions in Customer Service and Marketing, retiring as Manager of Customer Support Services in 2005. Like many retirees of the Boomer generation, the slower paced life didn't really suit Dave. Within a month or so after retiring from SDG&E he accepted a position as General Manager of Warner Springs Ranch. He worked there for over 3 years. Then he decided to try his hand at a new hobby, winemaking. He planted a small vineyard on their property in Warner Springs and began to learn about the history and culture of winemaking. At first he made wine for family and friends. But the hobby soon grew too large and by 2009 Dave and Janine began to make plans for owning their own commercial Winery.

They purchased several acres on the north east slope of Palomar Mountain and planted Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec grapes. Construction of the tasting room and winery began shortly thereafter and Sierra Roble Winery was opened for business on October 19, 2013. Their boutique winery specializes in traditional Bordeaux varietals and they hope to entice your palate with some of the finest handcrafted wines available anywhere.

Dave, his son Rick, and son-in-law Bill, have completed and passed the Level 1 Sommelier Course & Exam from the Court of Master Sommeliers.

Sierra Roble Winery and Vineyard is located at 34810 Hwy 79 in Warner Springs. They are open noon to 5pm on Friday and 11:00am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Sierra Roble has 6 wines currently available for tasting and the cost for a tasting is \$10. Wines are priced around \$25 per bottle and are available by the glass for \$7.

“Janine and I have already been visited by many of our SDG&E friends. We hope that more of our friends are able to stop by for a visit very soon. We would love to see you and catch-up on what you’ve been doing since you retired. As our daughter loves to say, ‘Come for the wine, stay for the view.’ Hope to see you soon!”

