

WALLA WALLA
SPRING VALLEY VINEYARD
 WASHINGTON

1865 Francis Marion Corkrum and his wife Mary Jane Killebrew Corkrum, along with their three children Sarah, age 9, Jasper, age 6, and Mary Rose, age 3, cross the country via wagon train from Illinois and homestead in the Walla Walla Valley, Washington Territory. Two of their eventual ten children die in infancy. The family builds a cabin on Spring Branch.



(Left) Uriah, Frederick (1), brother Carl and mother Kate, 1901

1866 URIAH Corkrum, the fifth of Francis Marion and Mary Jane's children, is born on June 1, nine months after the family arrives at Spring Branch near Dixie, Walla Walla Valley, Washington Territory.

Uriah begins farming at an early age and attends Whitman Seminary (currently Whitman College) in Walla Walla.

1888 Uriah marries Ida May Chew on September 30. Their first child dies in infancy. Surviving children are daughter Julia May and son Francis Marion.



Wheat harvest 1942 (future vineyard on hills beyond the tree line in background.)

1893 Ida May dies in November in childbirth, along with fourth child. Heavy rains prevent Uriah from hauling his wheat from the fields, and he loses his crop and land in the year's depression. He perseveres and in 1897 purchases the ranch at SPRING VALLEY.

1897 KATHERINE Williams arrives in the Valley from Hay-On-Wye, Wales to visit her brother David, married to Uriah's sister Rado Corkrum. Katherine and Uriah are married December 1, 1897, and have four sons.



Fred & Nina Lee taking a break at the ranch, 1929

1900 FREDERICK Corkrum born in Spring Valley to Katherine and Uriah. Frederick works on the farm from an early age and becomes the "Mule Skinner." He graduates from Walla Walla High School and Whitman College, where he plays quarterback under football coach Nig Borleske.

NINA LEE Moore, age 2, moves to Walla Walla from Illinois. She performs in vaudeville with Elva Lloyd in the early 1920s. Meets Frederick at the Liberty Theatre in Walla Walla.



Dean, 5 years old 1940

1929 Frederick and Nina Lee marry and move to the ranch in Spring Valley.

1934 Shari Corkrum is born in Spring Valley to Frederick and Nina Lee.



Shari milking to feed the barn cats, 1938

1945 Dean DERBY moves to Walla Walla and meets Shari in the 6th grade at Sharpstein Grade School. Shari and Dean graduate from Walla Walla High School and attend the University of Washington in Seattle.



Dean Derby playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers, 1957

1954 Shari Corkrum and Dean Derby marry.

1955 DeAnn Derby born in Spring Valley to Dean and Shari.

1956 Dean Derby is football captain for UW. He still holds the record for longest run from scrimmage for a touchdown at Husky Stadium (92 yards against Illinois).

Dean is drafted into the NFL as the 1st pick of the 4th round by the Los Angeles Rams, then traded to the Pittsburgh Steelers for the 1st league game in September 1957. He is named All Pro Defensive Cornerback and plays 4+ years with the Steelers and 1+ years for the Minnesota Vikings.



Dean Derby surveying the vineyard from atop the wheat fields, 2001

1957 Frederick Corkrum passes away in Spring Valley.

Devin Corkrum Derby born in Spring Valley to Dean and Shari.

1978 Nina Lee Corkrum passes away in Spring Valley.

1980 DeAnn Derby marries Rich Elvin. They have three children: daughters Britni Lynn (1982) and Katherine Derby (1984), and son Andrew Derby (1986).



Founding winemaker Devin Corkrum Derby punching down wine in the winery, 2002

1993 Dean and Shari plant wine grapes on the ranch in Spring Valley

1999 Devin Corkrum Derby moves back to the ranch to manage the winery at Spring Valley. As founding winemaker he oversees first crush and makes the first wine – URIAH, a Merlot-based red blend which debuts in 2001. Devin also designs the labels for Spring Valley's wines.

2000 First vintage of NINA LEE, a 100% Syrah, produced by Devin Derby.

Devin's son Simon is born and moves to Spring Valley.

2001 First vintages of FREDERICK, a Cabernet Sauvignon-based red blend; DERBY Cabernet Sauvignon; and MULE SKINNER Merlot are produced by Devin Derby .



Spring Valley winemaker Serge Laville, 2008

2002 Serge Laville, a French winemaker who had met Devin in Walla Walla, moves from France to become assistant winemaker at Spring Valley Vineyard. Serge and Devin share a winemaking philosophy of "listening to the vineyard" and making wine with minimal intervention, using only estate grown fruit from Spring Valley.

2002 2000 vintage of URIAH ranked #17 on *Wine Spectator's* "Top 100" list.

2003 2001 vintage of URIAH ranked #13 on *Wine Spectator's* "Top 100" list.

2004 Devin Corkrum Derby is killed in a tragic car accident.

2005 Shari and Dean meet Ted Baseler, CEO of Ste. Michelle Wine Estates (SMWE). SMWE leases the vineyard and winery and purchases the Spring Valley Vineyard wine brand from the Derbys.



Serge in the winery

Serge Laville becomes winemaker at Spring Valley Vineyard.

2006 2003 vintage of URIAH ranked #25 on *Wine Spectator's* "Top 100" list.

2003 vintage of FREDERICK scores 94 points in the *Wine Advocate*.

Katherine Derby Elvin graduates from college and moves to Spring Valley to work in the Spring Valley Vineyard tasting room.



Katherine Derby Raymond at the Spring Valley tasting room in Walla Walla

2007 64 acres of new vineyards are planted, bringing total vineyard acreage to 109 acres of grapevines including Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec.

2004 vintage of FREDERICK scores 94 points in the *Wine Advocate*.

New tasting room opens in downtown Walla Walla.



Bird's eye view of Spring Valley Vineyard, 2008

2008 DERBY named to *Wine & Spirits'* "Year's Best Cabernets" list.

Katherine "Kate" Derby Elvin marries Tyson Raymond, a wheat rancher from Helix, Oregon.

Kate and Tyson's son Uriah Royal Raymond arrives early at 3 pounds 7 ounces, and is thriving at first birthday.



Shari, Dean, Uriah, and Katherine

2009 Inaugural 2007 vintage of KATHERINE CORKRUM Cabernet Franc introduced.

Kate and Tyson's second son, Malachi Eugene Raymond, arrives, on schedule, at 7 pounds 12 ounces.

2006 vintage of Uriah ranked #60 on *Wine Specator's* "Top 100" list.



Spring Valley's family of wines, 2009