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Walter Scott Wine Dinner 2026

Thursday, April 30th - 6pm

\$125 per person plus tax and gratuity



WALTER SCOTT

The Evolution of a Vision

Walter Scott Wines was founded with a simple but ambitious goal: to craft world-class wines that express the depth and energy of the Willamette Valley. Fueled by sheer determination and funded by emptied retirement accounts, Ken Pahlow and Erica Landon built Walter Scott from the ground up, turning a shared dream into one of Oregon's most respected wineries.

Ken and Erica came to wine from different worlds, Ken through the cellar and Erica through the dining room, but both were shaped by relentless curiosity. They immersed themselves in studying the world's great wines, refining their palates, and sharpening a vision for what they wanted to create. Their combined experience in winemaking, distribution, fine dining, and education gives them a rare, full-circle perspective on what defines exceptional wine.

Ken's time at St. Innocent, Patricia Green Cellars, and Evening Land Vineyards grounded him in Oregon's cellar traditions and deepened his commitment to site-driven winemaking. A decade in distribution tasting the world's great wines refined his palate and broadened his perspective. His most formative experience came alongside Dominique Lafon, a defining voice in modern Burgundy, whose mentorship sparked Ken's enduring obsession with Chardonnay and helped shape the style and ambition of Walter Scott.

Erica brings a sommelier's lens and a deep understanding of hospitality, developed through years leading top wine programs at Timberline Lodge, The Dundee Bistro, The Heathman, and Bruce Carey Restaurants. As an Advanced Sommelier and longtime educator, she has trained countless professionals and helped shape Oregon's dining scene. At Walter Scott, she plays a central role---overseeing the business while contributing her exceptional palate to the wines, a quiet force behind both their style and success.

Ken and Erica believe in the power of collaboration, working with growers who share their commitment to pushing boundaries, refining technique, and obsessing over every detail in the vineyard. By starting with the highest quality fruit, Walter Scott is given the opportunity to create truly revelatory wines.

Today, Walter Scott stands as a benchmark producer in the Willamette Valley, earning international acclaim for wines that are both precise and profound. Through it all, Ken and Erica remain fiercely focused, knowing that great wines are made with intention, respect, and an uncompromising pursuit of quality.

