

Chuck Jones is the founder and managing partner of the family-owned and operated Jones von Drehle Vineyards and Winery in Thurmond, NC. Established in 2008, Jones von Drehle is owned by Diana & Chuck Jones and Ronnie & Raymond von Drehle of Hickory. Diana and Ronnie are sisters. Chuck and Diana were living in Atlanta, when after a successful career in telecommunications, they decided to return to their native North Carolina. Research by Chuck to determine the best area to grow grapes for the production of classic fine wines, led them to a beautiful rolling pasture and wooded farm in Thurmond, NC. The farm consists of 80 acres with a vineyard of 30 acres planted in 2009 to major French varieties including Chardonnay, Viognier, Petit Manseng, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Grenache, and Mourvedre, as well as the Spanish Tempranillo. Jones von Drehle is a 100% Estate winery; purchasing no fruit. Annual production is approximately 7,000 cases.

Since the Grand Opening in May of 2014, Jones von Drehle wines have been awarded over 175 major international, national and regional awards. JvD wines may be found in over 160 restaurants and fine wine shops across North Carolina. Chuck and Diana now reside at the vineyard in Thurmond.