



Megan Hughes

As the youngest daughter of Barnard Griffin founders Rob Griffin and Deborah Barnard, Megan's esteem for Washington wine initially began due to its correlation with M&Ms; when she stickered case boxes... she was given chocolate. At the time she was pleased with such compensation but as she grew older, her job duties started to vary, and even with the addition of other flavors, she eventually reached a point of requiring actual monetary compensation.

Her first harvest working for her father was the coldest, wettest season anyone in Washington wine could remember (other than the aforementioned father – who has seen this play before). To this day she shows up to harvest in a jacket far too warm for the conditions, lamenting that at one point in time, it was chilly as the Chardonnay rolled in.

Megan not only gets to learn the art of making wine from a person who is almost as qualified as one could be to pass on such knowledge, but she often cites the joy of growing up in a home in which her parents loved what they did as the reason why she's so committed to this industry. Barnard Griffin is, was, and will always be an integral piece of their lives, family history and certainly their future. Any business is work, any family business is hard work, any family business adjacent to agriculture is... well. You get the drift. Having such examples before her have shown her the love of the craft and the place, and the work ethic and care to push it into the future.

In addition to overseeing the white wine program at Barnard Griffin, Megan pays special mind to the Gorge sparkling wines and her own label, Rooth, which launched in 2026. She sits on the board of the Association of Washington Business and is a member of the Washington Winegrowers Association and the Washington Wine Technical Group. When not at the winery or out in the market evangelizing the northwest wine trade, she might just be riding bikes with her husband and children, or cruising down the Columbia via pontoon.

Megan Hughes, pictured with a rogue forklift in the back but fear not- everyone emerged unscathed