



SHANNON MAYHEW

Biodynamic Estate Gardener

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"I try to do what I can every day—whether that's planting for pollinators, building healthy soil, or avoiding single-use plastics. I've even gotten into making my own shampoos and soaps, which is actually super fun and means I don't have to buy anything in plastic. Taking care of the planet isn't about being perfect—it's about showing up, paying attention, and doing the little things that add up."

Shannon Mayhew is the Biodynamic Estate Gardener at Brooks Wine, where she cultivates vibrant landscapes using regenerative and biodynamic practices. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science from the University of California, Davis, with a concentration in sustainability and biodiversity management—an academic foundation that informs her deep commitment to ecological land stewardship.

Blending a love of science with years of hands-on experience, Shannon leads a variety of projects at Brooks, including the development of pollinator meadows, composting systems, and native hedgerows that promote biodiversity. Passionate about both land care and education, she regularly shares her expertise through workshops and tours at Brooks, inspiring others to steward the earth with mindfulness and purpose.



Little-known fact about me:

I'm actually super introverted! I love leading tours and teaching, but I recharge by spending quiet time in the garden or out foraging in nature.



Favorite hobby:

Gardening at home and experimenting with medicinal plants—there's nothing better than growing something from seed and learning how it supports both the soil and your body.



Favorite food & wine pairing on the Brooks menu:

Fresh raspberries from the garden with our Orchard Field Riesling—it's bright, juicy, and feels like summer in a bite and a sip.



Fun fact:

I once lived and worked on farms across Europe, learning everything from permaculture to winemaking—it completely changed the way I think about food and farming and helped build the path to my role at Brooks.