

# Featured Artist

**DANIELA LAVAGNINO**

***Purple Thumb Notions***

RUSTIC – RECLAIMED – RECYCLED

Love is the common theme found in the details of The Frankie Lemmon School, The Triangle Wine Experience, and in the designs of the Purple Thumb Notions wine barrel art.

Not only is love found within the designs of many of Daniela's pieces, but it is also what has driven the creation of Purple Thumb Notions (PTN) itself. Each PTN has been repurposed and handcrafted by Daniela. Her passion for art and creativity has led her to create many original, one of a kind pieces, always thoughtfully crafted and designed.

Before Daniela formed Purple Thumb Notions in 2013, she started creating pieces from wine barrel hoops in 2010 while working for Écluse Wines, a boutique winery in Paso Robles, California. Working at this winery really helped her understand and appreciate how elaborate and artistic a wine barrel truly is. This somewhat cumbersome solid oak vessel, fastened with galvanized metal hoops, plays an integral role in such an amazing outcome - wine! Sadly, after just a few years, the barrels have to be retired. Daniela saw these solid oak barrels as hidden gems just waiting to be fashioned into enduring artwork as she couldn't bear the thought of them going the usual way of used wine barrels – cut in half and made into planters. Daniela found numerous ways to repurpose the barrels for wine lovers, art lovers and for anyone that appreciates her rustic, reclaimed pieces! Her handcrafted creations can decorate your home, garden, business or make special and memorable gifts!

