

Crystal Krieger,
Advanced Sommelier CMS &
Advanced Sommelier ISG

Crystal's grew up in West Virginia across the mountain from the Homestead Resort. Her father worked at Westvaco for 42 years. She was born in Covington, Virginia. Her mother worked at the Greenbrier Resort and later becoming a stay at home mother. The people call her the traveled local and she is very proud of it.

She met her husband Chef Kyle Krieger while working at the Greenbrier. Her extensive training began from working at the Golf Pro Shop to serving the most elite guests in the Main Dining Room, Tavern Room, and Sam Snead's at the Golf Club. After working at the Greenbrier, she had a short opportunity to cross over the mountain and work at the Homestead in the Gourmet Shop and Men's Clothing Store.

After marrying her husband, Chef Kyle and Crystal began travelling to get experience in the hospitality business. She worked with prestigious teams of management professionals including Master Sommeliers and Master Chefs at places like; The American Club in Kohler Wisconsin, The Ritz Carlton in Naples, Florida and The Greenbrier Resort. She also worked at an upscale French restaurant, Bistro Bis on Capitol Hill.

She followed her husband to Charlotte and assisted in opening a Wine Bar for Conrad Hunter at the Wine Shop at Foxcroft while studying to become a Sommelier. While in Charlotte, she passed three levels of the International Sommelier Guild and passed the Introductory Court of Masters level. She returned to the Greenbrier for a short period to assist Chef Michael Voltaggio and Master Sommelier Barbara Werley in opening Hemisphere as a Wine Captain.

While back at the Greenbrier Resort, she began studying wine seriously. She secured 1st place out of 39 Sommeliers sitting for the Certified Sommelier Exam through the Court of Masters in Orlando, Florida while serving at Prime 44 West. After the exam, she went to work in the Main Dining Room as a Sommelier and trained on her own time to sit for the Advanced Sommelier Exam. She prepared by studying with Sommeliers in Washington DC and Charlotte, NC. Crystal became the 1st person ever to pass the Advanced Sommelier Exam in West Virginia. She passed the exam in September 2014. At the time, she was 1 out of 325 Advanced Sommeliers in the World. She was one of the very few people that pass the exam on the 1st time. Now she is only one level away from a Master Sommelier which she aspires to eventually become.

While studying for her exams, she started anticipating the next step in her career. Partners John and Kate Loeffler approached Chef Kyle and Crystal about opening a restaurant in Hot Springs, Va. They were excited about an amazing opportunity to showcase amazing food, wines, spirits and beer in such a small quaint cozy town. They all decided to become partners in LCdO, Inc. Bath County has become home with her husband and two dogs Champ and Legend who keep her busy when not working at the restaurant and traveling. The couple resides in Hot Springs.