



# Meet Ashley Jones and David Martin, owners of Burdett House Bed & Breakfast

## **Describe your business:**

This amazingly sweet 1880 Queen Anne Victorian home is the one of the best little bed and breakfast accommodations in Burdett, aptly named The Burdett House. From the very beginning our emphasis and driving force throughout our renovation process was to reuse and recycle whenever possible. With this focus top of mind it really forced us to think outside the box and helped to shape the design of the rooms and house overall. In keeping with the age of the house, we wanted to source fixtures, lighting, furnishings and accessories that would complement the Victorian era while also feeling fresh and new in the house. Our journey to bring this house to life has been an amazing one; we've visited reuse centers, architectural salvage warehouses, auctions, yard sales and yes even craigslist to build a one of a kind interior that we think you'll enjoy! The Burdett House is located on Main Street in the village of Burdett. We are within walking distance of some great dining, drinking, and outdoor spots.

## **Tell us your story:**

As long time New York City dwellers, it only took one visit to the Finger Lakes to change our thinking. Six months later, we decided to say farewell to our lives in "the city" and start a whole new adventure in Finger Lakes Wine Country! We have spent several years renovating our gorgeous Queen Anne Victorian house into the Burdett House Bed & Breakfast and have decorated every room with local finds and antiques that wine warriors and weary travelers alike will find warm and inviting. When we're not working on the house we spend lots of time exploring the surrounding area. We've found so many great things to see and do and hope you'll join us in experiencing this amazing and beautiful part of the world!

## **What has helped you succeed and gain experience?**

Meeting locals and sharing tips with fellow industry friends. Trusting the process and understanding that achieving excellence takes a lot of time and practice and having the patience to observe and learn while striving to get better in the hospitality roles. Also Google for everything, OMG not sure where we would be without Google!?

## **What inspires you?**

Beauty, good design, nature, people's natural energy and enthusiasm in the region are just some of the things that inspire us. There is a real sense of care for this area and a lot of people are seriously invested in growing the region with a special level of care and creative interest and that is really something that inspires us every day to be better at what we do and how we present the region to our guests

## **What keeps you up at night? What are your challenges?**

What we are going to do next, how big do we want to grow, what do we want our future to look like here in the Finger Lakes - 5, 10, 20 years out? Financing projects as we grow seems to always be our biggest challenge to date

## **What is your favorite local activity?**

Hiking, getting out on the water, exploring anything and everything that we hear about from friends and locals

## **Is there anything else we should know about you?**

We love game nights and trivia and our favorite summer activity is to share a few bottles of local wine and eat cheese by the fire pit!