



*Harvested: Oct 10, 2017*  
*Brix at harvest: 26°*  
*pH: 3.61*  
*Alcohol: 13.9%*  
*Bottled: May 31, 2019*  
*Cases: 332*  
*Formats: 750mL*  
*Winemaker: Rusty Folena*

2017

# Barbera

Linsteadt Vineyard

AMADOR COUNTY

VINO NOCETO



Among the pioneers who introduced Sangiovese to the New World, the Gullett family is renowned for making "California's Best Sangiovese." In 1985, they set out with the singular goal of making VINO NOCETO California's premiere Sangiovese producer. From just three producing acres and 110 cases in their inaugural 1990 vintage, they now farm over 25 acres and produce 10,000 cases per year, including ten different Sangioveses, a frizzante Moscato, and old vine Zinfandel, and Barbera.

Barbera, the third-most planted red grape in Italy, is one of California's most up-and-coming grape varieties. The Linsteadt Barbera is known as a food-friendly, approachable wine. It is full-bodied with good acid and structure, soft, silky tannins, and a long finish.

## VINEYARDS

The Linsteadt Vineyard, located in the Shenandoah Valley, CA, has been in the Linsteadt family for three generations. Don and MaryLou Linsteadt originally planted Barbera in the late 80's, and then replanted in 1994 with Clone 6 of Barbera, known for producing a full-bodied, rustic, old-world Barbera. VINO NOCETO receives these grapes for its Barbera.

## WINEMAKING

The fruit was cold soaked for 2 days followed by a 16-day submerged-cap fermentation in stainless steel tanks, at 54°-70° F, which favors a fruit-forward, gentle extraction of flavors. Aged 19 months in French oak barrels, 25% new.

## THE WINE

Displaying bright, yet ripe, blueberry and raspberry fruit, a touch of spice, and just the right amount of acid to make it all balance, this offering is a perfect example of what makes Sierra foothill Barberas so exceptional.

Components: 98.5% Barbera, 1% Alicante Bouschet, .5% Teroldego

## AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

"As pure in its display of Barbera fruit as any example in memory, Noceto's 2017 Linsteadt rendition is, quite simply, a beautifully made wine. It is optimally ripe and not a whit more than needs the with a judicious veneer of sweet oak set atop its very deep, red-berry fruit, and it exhibits superb balance and a lengthy finish that seems to extend a bit more with each sip. "Classy" is a term that rarely comes to mind when thinking about Barbera, but very classy this one is, and those open to expanding their vinous horizons beyond the usual are highly encouraged to seek a few bottles out. It is that good."

91points, GOOD VALUE, 2 puffs - Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine (10/2021)