



2018

# Originale

Shenandoah Valley, California  
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, an old-vine Zinfandel, and Barbera.

Noceto's flagship Sangiovese is modeled after an Old-World Chianti – medium-bodied, beautiful acidity, fruit-packed, easy-drinking, well-balanced, and extremely versatile with food. This wine is widely regarded as "the best Sangiovese in California." Our 2018 marks Noceto's 29th vintage.

#### VINEYARDS

Grapes are sourced from 19 separate lots and five clonal selections of Sangiovese, selectively co-fermented with estate-grown Canaiolo Nero, Trebbiano and/or Malvasia. Each lot is harvested and fermented separately prior to selective blending. The resultant wine is 97.5% Sangiovese, consisting of 90% estate grapes from our Shenandoah Valley, California vineyard and 10% from neighboring Reward Ranch.

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit is cold-soaked prior to fermentation – submerged-cap, punch-down tank, new French oak puncheons, or  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton grape bins – for 7 to 10 days at 70°-85° Fahrenheit to preserve bright varietal characteristics. The wine is then aged 15 months in 500-liter French oak puncheons, 15% to 20% new, to soften youthful tannins and gently age the wine, and sterile-filtered at bottling.

#### THE WINE

The 2018 Originale is brimming with deep, ripe cherry flavor - juicy, tangy, pie-dreaming cherries. The palate is accented by subtle oak and hints of peppery spice.

Components: 42.7% Sangiovese Piccolo (Isole e Olena clone), 54.7% Sangiovese Grosso (Altesino, Il Poggione, Biondi Santi, and R19 clones), 2.5% Canaiolo Nero, .1% Trebbiano and Malvasia

#### AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Silver - 2021 Toast of the Coast (San Diego, CA)

Silver - 2021 Calaveras County Fair (Angels Camp, CA)

Harvested: Sep. 11-Oct. 18, 2018

Alcohol: 13.7%

Bottled: Mar. 2-3, 2020

Cases: 3,002

Formats: 750mL, 1.5L

Winemaker: Rusty Folena