



Shenandoah Valley Amador County

Among the pioneers who introduced Sangiovese to the New World, the Gullett family is now 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 10 different Sangioveses, a frizzante Moscato, an old vine Zinfandel, Barbera, and Pinot Grigio.

Noceto's flagship Sangiovese is modeled after an Old World Tuscan Chianti – medium bodied, fruit-packed, easy-drinking, well-balanced, and extremely versatile with food. This wine is widely regarded as "the best Sangiovese in California." (Dan Berger, Darrell Corti, Mike Dunne, Elaine Taylor). 2013 marks Noceto's 24th vintage.

VINEYARDS

Grapes are sourced from 16 separate lots and six clonal selections — 50% Sangiovese Grosso and 50% Sangiovese Piccolo. Each lot is harvested and fermented separately prior to selective blending. The resultant wine is 100% Sangiovese, consisting of 95% estate grapes and 5% from neighboring Reward Ranch.

WINEMAKING

The fruit is cold-soaked prior to fermentation in stainless steel, bin, and oak fermenters for 7 to 10 days at $80^{\circ} - 95^{\circ}$ F to preserve bright varietal characteristics. The wine ages 15 months in 130-gallon French oak puncheons to soften youthful tannins and gently age the wine — 15 to 20% new oak.

THEWINE

The 2013 Noceto Sangiovese displays moderate ruby hues with red cherry-berry fruit aromas and bright flavors of cassis, cranberry, and rich plum. The palate is accented by subtle oak and hints of peppery spice.

AWARDS

Silver - San Francisco Chronicle Silver - Sunset International Good Value - Connoisseurs' Guide WINEMAKER: Rusty Folena

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13.9% ABV *Harvest Date(s):* Sep 4 - Oct 2, 2013 *pH* 3.31 *Bottling Date(s)* Mar 11 - Mar 13, 2015 *Cases Produced* 3,700 *MSRP* \$19

Alcohol