



2016

# Sangiovese

DOS OAKIES

SHENANDOAH VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

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, Barbera, and Pinot Grigio.

With vines sourced from the Il Poggione vineyard in the Montalcino region of Italy, the 2016 Dos Oakies Sangiovese is a limited-production Sangiovese produced solely from the Dos Oakies vineyard block on our estate.

## VINEYARDS

The oldest section of the estate vineyard, planted in 1988, the Dos Oakies block is located on the winery parcel, immediately east of the Tasting Room. The name originates from the twin oaks which flanked the vineyard, though one has since fallen in a storm. Cuttings for this block were smuggled into the country in the early 70s and conveniently planted a few miles down the road at a neighboring vineyard.

## WINEMAKING

The fruit is crushed, cold-soaked for 1 to 2 days, followed by fermentation in a combination of oak puncheons and stainless steel punch-down tanks for 8-16 days at 70°-85° Fahrenheit to preserve bright varietal characteristics. The wine is aged for 21 months in 130-gallon French oak puncheons, 66% new, to soften youthful tannins and gently age the wine.

## THE WINE

The 2016 Dos Oakies is layered, complex, and well-balanced, with great structure and classic Italian flavors. It displays dark cherry fruit and earthiness with a touch of leather, oak and cassis. It pairs well with grilled or roasted meats, steak Florentine, rich pasta, or heavy, spicy dishes like curry.

## AWARDS

**93 Points, Cellar Selection** - *Wine Enthusiast*

WINEMAKER: Rusty Folena

**Harvested** Sept 22 & 27, 2016

**pH** 3.2

**Bottled** June 7, 2018

**Alcohol** 14.1% ABV

**Cases** 217

**Formats** 750 mL, 1.5 L