



Harvested Oct 8, 2019

Bottled Aug 31, 2021

Alcohol 14.1% ABV

Cases 265

Formats 750mL

MSRP \$34

2019

Barbera

LINSTEADT

AMADOR COUNTY

VINO NOCETO



Among the pioneers who introduced Sangiovese to the New World, the Gullett family set out in 1985 with the singular goal of making Vino Noceto California's premiere Sangiovese producer. They are now renowned for making "California's Best Sangiovese." 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, Aglianico, and more.

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 and approachable wine. The wine 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 and owned by Paul and Laura Linsteadt, is 34 acres in total and planted with Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Grenache, and of course, Barbera. The vineyard uses Clone 6 of Barbera, known for producing a more full-bodied, rustic, old-world Barbera. The 2019 vintage was blended with 1% Estate Alicante Bouschet just before bottling.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was cold soaked for 1 to 2 days followed by fermentation for 15 days at 64°-78° Fahrenheit in submerged-cap stainless steel tanks, which favor a fruit-forward, gentle extraction of flavors. Aged 22 months in French oak barrels, 30% new.

THE WINE

The 2019 Linsteadt Barbera displays bright aromas of blueberry and raspberry, with a touch of earth, spice and vanilla. Good acid, nice minerality, and a strong structure carry through a long finish, exemplified by deep rich fruit and soft, silky tannins. The wine pairs well with osso buco, chicken cacciatore, flank steak, or French onion soup.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Silver - The San Francisco Chronicle

Silver - Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition

WINEMAKER: Rusty Folena