

Harvested Sep 8 - 25, 2020

Bottled May 16, 2022

Alcohol 13.5% ABV

Cases 540

Formats 750 mL, 1.5 L

MSRP \$39

2020

# Sangiovese

# RISERVA

SHENANDOAH VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



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.

Noceto's Brunello-style Riserva Sangiovese is blended from the best estate lots and displays superior fruit while retaining balance. Fruit-packed, full-flavored, and complex with a lingering finish.

## VINEYARDS

100% estate Sangiovese Grosso from two different Brunello clones (cuttings sourced from Il Poggione and Biondi Santi vineyards). Each component is harvested and fermented separately prior to selective blending.

# WINEMAKING

The fruit is gently crushed and cold-soaked for 1 to 2 days, followed by fermentation in stainless steel tanks, bins, and new 103-gallon French oak barrels. The wine is aged for 20 months in 130-gallon French oak puncheons, 40% new, to soften youthful tannins and gently age the wine.

### THE WINE

The 2020 Riserva Sangiovese delivers fruit-packed flavor, including dried cranberries, pomegranate, and cherry. Displays multi-faceted, earthy complexity while retaining balance and fruitiness that's complemented by a lingering finish. Food friendly: pair with grilled or roasted meats and rich pasta dishes.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Silver - Dan Berger's International Wine Competition

WINEMAKER: Rusty Folena