



**Harvested** Aug 27 - Sep 26, 2020

**Bottled** March 7-8, 2022

**Alcohol** 13.9% ABV

**Cases** 2,600

**Formats** 375 mL, 750 mL, 1.5 L

**MSRP** \$29

2020

# Sangiovese

Shenandoah Valley, California

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.

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Noceto's flagship Sangiovese is modeled after an Old World Tuscan 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." (Dan Berger, Darrell Corti, Mike Dunne, Elaine Taylor). 2020 marks Noceto's 31st vintage.

## VINEYARDS

Grapes are from 14 separate lots—98% from five clonal Sangiovese selections and 2% Canaiolo Nero. Made with 100% Estate vines, including cuttings sourced from Isole e Olena (47%) in Chianti as well as Il Poggione (31%), Altesino (12%), and Biondi Santi (3%) in Montalcino. Each lot is harvested and fermented separately prior to selective blending.

## WINEMAKING

The fruit is cold-soaked 1-2 days, then fermented in stainless steel, bins, and French oak for 7-10 days at 70°-85° Fahrenheit to preserve bright varietal characteristics. The wine ages in 130-gallon, predominantly French oak puncheons to soften youthful tannins.

## THE WINE

The 2020 Noceto Sangiovese is ripe and bright, with cherry fruit at its center and a lingering palate. Secondary flavors include cassis, cranberry, rich plum, peppery spice, and light oak. Exceptionally food friendly: Pair with red sauces, spicy ethnic foods, and light meats.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**Gold, 95 points** - California State Fair

**Gold** - The San Francisco Chronicle

**Gold** - Dan Berger's International Wine Competition

WINEMAKER: Rusty Folena