



**1999 Dolcetto**  
*Alegría Vineyards*  
*Russian River Valley*

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blend wines. Our goal is to create food-friendly wines that fully express the fruit characteristics of the diverse grape varieties we grow at our Alegría Vineyards in the Russian River Valley.

*Betsy and Bill Nachbaur*

**Winemaker Notes:**

Dolcetto is a popular wine grape in the Piedmont area of northern Italy, but it is rare in California. Our Dolcetto highlights the variety's unique flavors and demonstrates that this grape is well-suited to our cool Russian River Valley microclimate.

Our goal is to make a robust, full-flavored, age-worthy wine comparable to the best Dolcettos from the Alba and Dogliani appellations in the foothills of the Italian Alps.

To highlight Dolcetto's unique varietal character, we fermented the grapes in small open-top fermenters, with frequent punch-downs to maximize extraction. Barrel aging for 13 months softened the grape's dusty tannins. The result is a luscious, rich, full-bodied wine exhibiting classic Dolcetto flavors.

**Tasting Notes:** A dark burgundy color and deep spicy aromas of berries and sweet oak lead to a smooth yet robust cornucopia of flavors—boysenberry, blueberry, plums, dark ripe cherries and a touch of orange zest, along with a hint of vanilla and leather. Excellent structure, rich with bold, intense flavors. This wine has the complexity of a great Cabernet with the approachability of a Zinfandel.

**Composition:** A single-vineyard blend of 95% Dolcetto, 3% Freisa, and 2% Barbera.

**Vintage:** 1999  
**Appellation:** Russian River Valley  
**Vineyard**  
**Designation:** Alegría Vineyards  
**Harvest Date:** October 3 & 14, 1999  
**Brix:** 24.5° Brix (average)  
**Barrel Aging:** 13 months  
**Type of Oak:** 75% French, 25% American  
25% new oak

**Bottled:** December 1, 2000  
**Case Production:** 148  
**Alcohol:** 14.2%  
**pH:** 3.65  
**T.A.:** 0.58 g/100ml  
**Release Date:** March 2001  
**Suggested**  
**Retail Price:** \$20.00 / bottle

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