



1999 Sangiovese
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:

Sangiovese is the principal red wine grape of Tuscany. The grape's name means "Blood of Jupiter", from the Latin *Sanguis Iovis*.

At Alegría Vineyards, we are lucky to have several Sangiovese vines that are over 50 years old. A. Rafanelli added them to our old Zinfandel vineyard in 1950. Those vines demonstrated to us that "Nob Hill", a steep west-facing slope at Alegría Vineyards rising 80 feet above our winery, would be a prime location for the variety.

We used cuttings from our old vineyard, plus six other distinct clonal selections of Sangiovese, to establish the new vineyard. We also included two other Tuscan grape varieties, Canaiolo Nero and Mammolo Toscano. All of these different selections contribute to the wine's complexity.

In 1999, for the first time, we followed the lead of Italian producers of "Super Tuscans" and added Cabernet Franc to enhance the body and aroma.

Tasting Notes: Delicate aromas of fresh strawberries and a hint of rose petals gently take you into bold and spicy flavors of cherry, plum, and sweet oak. Medium-bodied and easy-to-drink, our '99 Sangiovese is the perfect match for your favorite foods.

Composition: A single-vineyard blend of 79% Sangiovese with 15% Cabernet Franc, 3% Canaiolo Nero, and 3% Mammolo Toscano.

Vintage: 1999
Appellation: Russian River Valley
Vineyard:
Designation: Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Date: November 10, 1999
Brix: 22.4° Brix
Barrel Aging: 12 months
Type of Oak: 60% French, 40% American
40% new oak

Bottled: November 30, 2000
Case Production: 552
Alcohol: 12.7%
pH: 3.51
T.A.: 0.6 g/100ml
Release Date: March 2001

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