



2000 Sangiovese
Alegría Vineyards
Russian River Valley

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blend and vineyard-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

Winemaking Notes

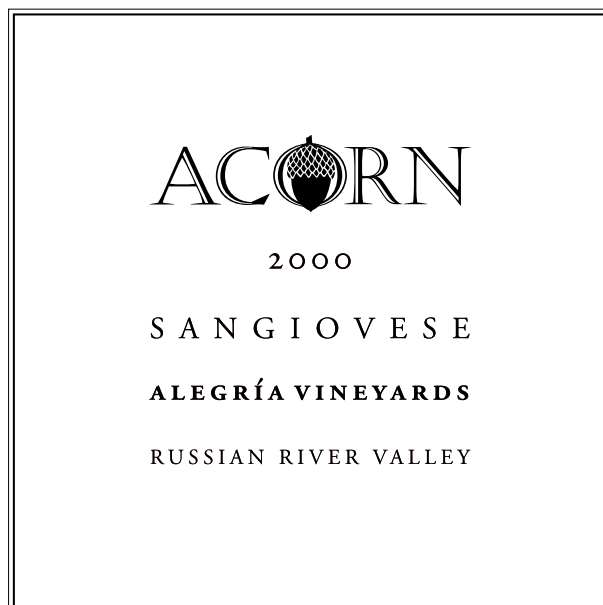
Sangiovese is the principal red wine grape of Tuscany. The grape's name means "Blood of Jupiter", from the Latin *Sanguis Iovis*.

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 Sangiovese's affinity for our Russian River climate. Our Sangiovese vineyard is on a steep west facing hillside, making it our little piece of Tuscany.

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.

Tasting Notes

True to the varietal, our 2000 Sangiovese displays a wealth of aromas and flavors. It offers beautiful floral aromas mingled with spicy cherry and hints of cedar, smoke, and rose petals. Flavors of plum, vanilla, spicy cherry, and cranberries create a soft, well-balanced wine. The long, smooth finish with a touch of smokiness adds to the wine's subtle elegance and makes it a wonderful compliment to any meal.



Composition

A single-vineyard blend of 98% Sangiovese (7 different clones) with 1% Canaiolo Nero and 1% Mammolo Toscano.

Vintage	2000
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Date	Sept. 29, 2000
Brix	23.5° Brix (average)
Barrel Aging	19 months
Type of Oak	47% French, 53% American 40% new oak

Bottled	July 23, 2002
Case Production	771
Alcohol	14.0%
pH	3.82
T.A.	0.56g/100ml
Release Date	November 2002

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