



SUZY AND JIM GULLETT PROPRIETORS



IN 1984, JIM & SUZY GULLETT BEGAN A PURSUIT OF THEIR DREAM WITH A VAGUE, BUT WELL-RESEARCHED IDEA OF GROWING GRAPES. ON A VACATION FROM THE BANKING INDUSTRY IN THE FALL OF 1984, THEY FOUND AND PURCHASED THE PERFECT PROPERTY, 21 ACRES IN THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA'S SHENANDOAH VALLEY, IN THE SIERRA FOOTHILLS' GOLD COUNTRY. IT WAS AN AFFORDABLE PROPERTY BIG ENOUGH TO GROW GRAPES SUFFICIENT TO START A COMMERCIAL VENTURE.



IN SEPTEMBER, 1985, JIM & SUZY SPENT TWO WEEKS IN TUSCANY VISITING WINE ESTATES. THEY STAYED AT MONTE VERTINE AND VISITED FAMED ITALIAN ESTATES SANTA CRISTINA (ANTINORI), BADIA E PASSIGNANO, CASTELLO DEI RAMPOLLA, MASTROBERARDINO IN NAPLES, AND SEVERAL OTHERS. THE TRIP CONVINCED THEM THAT SANGIOVESE MET THEIR CRITERIA AND COULD PRODUCE HIGH QUALITY WINE IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

SEVERAL YEARS LATER, THEY ADDED ANOTHER 18.5 ADJACENT ACRES WITH AN 1887 RANCH HOUSE. "OUR OBJECTIVE BECAME TO GROW A NOBLE GRAPE VARIETY AND MAKE IT INTO A DISTINCTIVE, ACCESSIBLE TABLE WINE," JIM RECALLS.



IN 1987, THEY PLANTED THEIR FIRST SANGIOVESE. OVER THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS, THE ESTATE VINEYARD GREW TO TWELVE ACRES, INCLUDING THREE SELECTIONS OF SANGIOVESE. THEIR FIRST WINE WAS PRODUCED FROM THE 1990 VINTAGE.

IN 1999, THEY REPLACED TEN ACRES OF WALNUT TREES WITH MORE SANGIOVESE AND SOME SYRAH. TODAY, THE ESTATE INCLUDES THREE BRUNELLO SELECTIONS, A CHIANTI CLASSICO SELECTION, AND ONE TRUE CLONE FROM THE ABRUZZI, R-19

HARD WORK AND VISION HAVE PAID OFF. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF PASSION AND COMMITMENT HAVE MADE VINO NOCETO, IN THE WORDS OF NATIONALLY SYNDICATED WINE WRITER DAN BERGER, ***"THE BEST AND ONLY CHIANTI-STYLED SANGIOVESE IN CALIFORNIA"***.



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