

Gold Medal Wine Club

THE ROAD TO GREAT WINES BEGINS AT YOUR DOOR



Balletto Vineyards

Vegetable farmers turned grape growers, the Balletto family produces premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the famed cool-climate region of the Russian River Valley.



With roots firmly planted in Sonoma County, Balletto Vineyards has emerged from what was once the largest produce grower north of San Francisco Bay. Now with over 700 acres planted to premium Russian River Valley fruit, John Balletto and his wife Terri have achieved one of the greatest farming success stories in all of California.

John Balletto began farming in 1977 at the tender age of 17. He had just graduated from high school and was working towards a football career when his father's untimely death took him down a different path. Instead of going away to college, John stayed put in Sebastopol, California where he helped his mother farm the five acres of zucchini on their family property. Just five years later, John purchased an additional ranch property in Santa Rosa where he planted lettuce, herbs, and beets that would be sold to Safeway stores and specialty restaurants in the area.

All that hard work bred serious success for the Ballettos. Their family farm grew from five acres in 1977 to more than 500 acres in 1985. By 1990, they were producing more than a million cartons of vegetables annually, had 200 employees and owned their own trucking company and shipping facility. With their passion for farming and smart business sense, the Ballettos had built an incredibly successful farming operation and had become a big name in Sonoma County's agricultural industry.

John and Terri decided to make a change in 1995 when they agreed to plant Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on their home ranch for neighboring winery DeLoach Vineyards. The site was located in the Russian River Valley, a region vintners were quickly discovering had great potential for growing cool climate varieties.

With competition in the vegetable business becoming too challenging, the Ballettos began converting their vegetable land to wine grapes, and by 2004, had completely phased out the vegetable growing. Today, 100 acres of Chardonnay, 60 acres of Pinot Noir, and 5 acres of Pinot Gris surround the winery site.

The Ballettos sell most of their fruit to neighboring wineries, but in 2001 began making small-lots of wine for themselves. It was such a successful inaugural vintage that they completely sold out before having a chance to enter the wines in competitions. Today, Balletto is a name associated with world-class wines that are elegant, balanced, and expressive and the family continues to earn praises including 'Business of the Year' and 'Farm Family of the Year.' We invite you to enjoy the incredible fruits of their labor. Cheers!



Balletto 2019 Estate Pinot Noir

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California

The Balletto 2019 Russian River Valley Estate Pinot Noir exhibits everything you would expect from a premium Pinot. It combines full and captivating aromatics with a delicate yet structured texture that defines the Balletto style of Pinot Noir. On the nose, savory and spicy potpourri aromas are followed by seductive dark fruits, while the notable tannins and acidity on the palate carry the complex and delicious fruit flavors through the long finish. An impressive Pinot Noir with depth and finesse. Enjoy!

Alcohol 13.8%
Aged in French oak
Farming Sustainable

92 POINTS
 – *Jeb Dunnuck*

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 – *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*



Food Pairing:
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Balletto 2019 Estate Pinot Noir

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