



# Garagiste SERIES

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

## Cavaletti Vineyards

Owner & Winemaker: Patrick Kelley

Location: Central Coast, CA

Founded in 2016 by winemaker Patrick Kelley, Cavaletti Vineyards crafts vineyard-driven wines from Ventura, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Counties, sourcing from vineyards in the cool coastal hills to the arid plains of the high desert. The name of the winery comes from the Italian word for 'easel' and highlights Patrick's minimally interventionist philosophy of supporting and interpreting the wine, while letting the vintage take center stage. It is also a reminder that the winemaker only supports the artwork that nature provides.

Prior to starting Cavaletti Vineyards, Patrick held a successful career in the biotechnology industry and has over twenty years of sales experience. He was living in rural Ventura County with his wife and daughter and had always loved wine, but it was a particular trip to Northern Italy that really sealed the deal for him. Patrick was visiting a little village just outside Milan, and a restaurant owner poured him a glass of homemade Sangiovese out of a simple jug. He then gave Patrick a tour of his vineyard where he grew the grapes. Patrick had had plenty of wine before, but this experience sparked his interest in growing grapes and making his own wine.

He started home winemaking in his free time, and what began as a hobby soon became his next career, and an early retirement plan. Cavaletti Vineyards became a reality in 2016 with the modest release of just 4 barrels of wine.

Patrick's goal with Cavaletti Vineyards is to 're-discover' wine growing regions that have been lost to history. For instance, in the late 1800's through the early 1900's, the region in and around Los Angeles was ground zero for premium California wine. That agricultural history has been lost to development amid skyscrapers and freeways, and only a handful of growers and winemakers are working to revive this lost heritage.

Based out of Ventura County, Patrick focuses exclusively on local vineyards within 109 miles of the winery (hence the '109 Mile' name for the featured wine, the 2016 Grenache). He sources fruit from cool climate sites in Ventura County, as well as warmer climate sites in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Counties. He produces a range of wines including Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo, Sangiovese, Alicante Bouschet, and Nebbiolo, all made in very limited quantities and only available to mailing list customers and a handful of select retailers and restaurants.

We are proud to introduce this Garagiste producer to our wine club members and hope you enjoy one of Patrick Kelley's prized releases. Cheers!

## Cavaletti 2016 "The 109 Mile" Grenache

52 cases produced

Swayze Vineyard, Los Angeles County, California

The Cavaletti 2016 'The 109 Mile' Grenache comes from the Swayze Vineyard, a warm climate, high desert site, located at 3,000 feet elevation in the northern edge of Los Angeles County - and exactly 109 miles from the winery. Adjacent to the Los Padres National Forest and nestled in the shadow of the Sierra Pelona Mountains, this under-the-radar vineyard produces some spectacular Grenache. Light garnet in color, this wine offers a complex nose and full-bodied palate with layers of raspberry and cherry, followed by hints of baking spices and an intriguingly long finish. Aged 10 months in oak. 100% Grenache. Enjoy now until 2026.

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$38.00 / bottle

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