



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.

Lotierzo Family Vineyards

Owner & Winemaker: Robert Lotierzo

Location: Paso Robles, CA

Established in 2012, Lotierzo Family Vineyards is a boutique, family-owned winery whose goal and focus is to craft premium quality wines that the Lotierzo family is proud to share with friends and family. Robert Lotierzo's grandfather once made wine for his family and neighbors in the 1920's and 1930's, and Robert is excited to revive that tradition here in California.

After retiring from his career as a ship broker, Robert Lotierzo decided to start making wine as a hobby. He had always loved wine, and during his prior career, had the opportunity to travel and explore some of the great winegrowing regions of the world. Robert took a number of courses in Winemaking and Vineyard Production and Management via the esteemed University of California school system and made his first wines in 2006. The following year, with the help of many friends, he planted a small vineyard at his home in Encinitas - one that he still grows and manages today, and he allows his former teacher to use as an educational vineyard site for students. The initial plantings were of the Bordeaux varietals, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, and later on, Robert also grafted some Nebbiolo - the Italian varietal from Northern Italy used to make the famous Barolo and Barbaresco wines. While waiting for the new vines to mature, Robert Lotierzo continued honing his winemaking skills by sourcing grapes from premier sites in Sonoma County, Paso Robles, and the up-and-coming Guadalupe Valley of Baja California, and crafting small-lot wines for friends and family. The wines were made in his garage under the brand name, 'Bridachia,' which is a combination of Robert's three children's names - Brian, David, and Chiara.

It wasn't long before Robert's wines were earning such prestigious awards as Best in Class, Double Gold Medals and Gold Medals at local wine competitions. He was pleasantly surprised and humbled by the recognition, and with such reward and encouragement, he decided to take the plunge and obtain a commercial winery license. Lotierzo Family Vineyards became a reality a few short years later in 2012.

The inaugural release of Lotierzo Family Vineyards wines came in 2014 and included a Paso Robles Zinfandel and Guadalupe Valley Nebbiolo. Robert has since added a Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, and Syrah from Paso Robles, and a Pinot Noir from the Sta. Rita Hills will be released next year. All of the wines are made in extremely limited quantities and thus far, have only been made available to Lotierzo Family Vineyards' wine club members and a selection of nearby Central Coast restaurants. Robert Lotierzo currently makes his wines at Daou Vineyards in Paso Robles, which is owned by close friends of his whom he met while taking various winemaking classes.

It is Robert Lotierzo's promise to never take shortcuts in his winemaking process, to only use the highest quality fruit and barrels, and to strive to make the best wines possible. He hopes you enjoy this wine as much as he enjoyed making it. Cheers!

Lotierzo 2013 "The Vixen" Nebbiolo

140 cases produced

Guadalupe Valley, Baja California, Mexico

The Lotierzo 2013 "The Vixen" Nebbiolo comes from the Guadalupe Valley in Baja California, Mexico. Robert Lotierzo began sourcing Nebbiolo from this region years before his family winery became a reality, and with the great success and recognition those wines earned, he hasn't stopped. The 2013 "The Vixen" Nebbiolo offers layered notes of berries, plum, and currants which are subtly accentuated by licorice, leather and tobacco. The firm tannins give the wine a solid structure, ensuring its ability to age and evolve for many years to come. Aged in oak. Enjoy now until 2023.



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