



# Garagiste

## WINE CLUB

[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, California

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. All of the wines are made in extremely limited quantities and very hard to find outside of 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 who 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.



## Lotierzo 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserve

Paso Robles, California

93 cases produced

A blend of fruit from Paso Robles' westside Adelaida District and the eastside El Pomar District, the Lotierzo 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a bright, pure expression of the best of both worlds. This wine shows the ripe eastside fruit set in tension against the cool, acidity-driven fruit of the westside, giving the final blend some nice complexity, age-worthy structure, and superb balance from start to finish. Enjoy the Lotierzo 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve with your best beef preparations. Aged 23 months in French oak. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy!



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