



# Platinum Plus!

## Stolo Family Vineyards & Winery

### Stolo 2013 Estate Syrah | Cambria, California

It was perfectly natural when Maria Stolo Bennetti suggested to her parents that the family should explore the possibility of entering the wine business.

“We had all grown up in a business environment,” Maria Bennetti pointed out. “And I had been in various segments of the wine industry after I graduated from college. My parents had just bought this beautiful property in Cambria so we hired some experts to see if a winery was feasible.”

The parents, Don and Charlene Stolo, were the children of Italian immigrants that had grown up in upstate New York. Their family culture involved food and wine on a weekly basis and their parents had produced wines in their basements for decades.

After some time and studying, the Stolos agreed with the specialists’ findings and Stolo Family Vineyards became a reality. Nine acres were already under plant, so the Stolos enlisted the help of a few neighbors and their three children to pick the fruit at harvest. A grand total of 176 cases resulted from their efforts. The level of acceptance by consumers and their family’s ongoing exuberance were harbingers of great things to come.

Problems with their winery permit delayed construction of the winery and tasting room until 2012. Stolo Family Vineyards and Winery produced around 2,000 cases in 2016 and will do the same this year.

“We want to grow our brand slowly,” Maria Bennetti added. “I would hope that we can grow to the 5,000-case level, but that might take another 5 to 10 years.” The total acreage currently under vine is some 24 acres that will provide a great amount of estate fruit for the company’s future plans. The Stolo Family team involves all three Stolo children, Aunt Tini Rocci, well-respected winemaker Nicole Bertotti Pope (Talley Vineyards) and her husband, equally respected grape grower Lucas Pope.

The future is extremely bright for this Central Coast entity. High scores and many plaudits from industry periodicals have made the wines of Stolo Family Vineyards and Winery highly prized among industry insiders.

We are happy to offer this small production release as a Platinum Plus! selection.



## Accolades & Tasting Notes

### 94 POINTS & Editor’s Choice - Wine Enthusiast

Only Stolo Family Estate-grown fruit was used for this French-style Syrah. The cool climate grapes produced a delicate, really pretty wine with high acidity. It is deep inky violet in color and features aromas of cured meat, asphalt and cracked pepper. Your palate will recognize boysenberry, dried lilac, black pepper, lavender and a hint of pencil lead. The finish is, deep, round and lingering. Pair this 2013 Syrah with stuffed eggplant with lamb and pine nuts or smoky glazed ham with red pepper, ziti with mushrooms, caramelized onions and goat cheese. Additional cheeses are Gouda, sharp cheddar and blue cheeses. Enjoy now until 2023.



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