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VINEYARDS

2023 GAUDI CARLI VINEYARD

CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY BARBERA

Barbera is one of the classic varietals of northern Italy and produces some of our favorite wines to serve with meals. At Gaudi Carli in Calistoga, we are dealing with a little patch of the only Barbera, let alone old vine Barbera, we know of in the Napa Valley and it is loaded with character. We have the Torrigino family to thank for sticking with this 100-year-old vineyard.

Planted by the family's patriarch, Gaudi Carli, in 1920, the one-acre parcel has been tended to by successive generations of the family – first by daughter Marie Torrigino, now by Marie's son Steve, daughter-in-law Joyce, and great grandson Joe Vanni. Located just outside of the town of Calistoga near the Silverado Trail, the vineyard sits directly across from Falleri Vineyard. Bob was eyeing this vineyard as he was working in Falleri one day and decided to knock on their door. They were indeed looking to sell the grapes and the rest is history!

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2023 season was one of the coolest vintages in more than a decade that, as time progressed, showed all the markings of the spectacular vintage that ended up in the bottle. Several years of drought were erased in a single season as rains began just after the completion of the 2022 harvest and continued through the spring of 2023. Ample ground water and cool temperatures delayed budbreak until April with flowering in mid-May. Moderate temperatures through the spring and summer allowed for balanced maturation across all vineyards - allowing us to pick at the perfect intersections of flavor, sugar, acid, and tannin maturity. Harvesting at Robert Biale began with earlier sites in September while moderate heat at the start of October accelerated picking that lasted through the end of the month.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Vibrant notes of plum, cherry, and dried herbs on the nose. Delicate on the palate with layered flavors of rhubarb, strawberry preserves, and hazelnut. Persistent, juicy acidity and finely textured tannins lead to a mouthwatering finish.

70 cases produced



Harvest	October 18 th
Aging	14 months French oak; 33% once used
pH	3.58
TA	5.6 g/L
Alcohol	13.3%