

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Saturday, September 15th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Our Art Walk Tasting Night,
Featuring:
The Art of Shari Osti,
The Music of Nikki Schilling &
The Wines of California's
Vino Noceto and Jeff Runquist Wines

\$10 Tasting Fee



Vino Noceto, California's Sangiovese Specialist

Vino Noceto is a family-run vineyard owned by Suzy and Jim Gullett in the Shenandoah Valley, Plymouth, California. Rusty Folena is the winemaker at Vino Noceto. Sangiovese specialists, they annually produce over 9,000 cases of Sangiovese from estate and nearby small vineyards.

Their Sangiovese is targeted at a Chianti Classico style that emphasizes the delicate and complex fruitiness of the Sangiovese grape. The Sierra Foothill soil and climate has enabled Vino Noceto to display these unique attributes while achieving a medium or slightly fuller wine.



Jeff Runquist Wines

Jeff Runquist travels throughout California to find just the right grapes for his vineyard-designated wines. The winery produces 14 different limited production red varietals, balanced wines that can be enjoyed in their youth, but will age well and grow more complex with time.

2011 Vino Noceto Pinot Grigio \$20.99

Cool, Delta breezes make for a crisp, aromatic, dry yet fruity version of this well-known Northern Italian varietal. It's a Double Gold Medal Winner.

2009 Vino Noceto Sangiovese "Normale" \$22.99

The Chianti-inspired "normale" Sangiovese displays hints of chocolate with a fruit forward cranberry-cherry character in a wine highly versatile with food. Pair it with tomato-based

sauces and grilled meats. *"The best Sangiovese in California"* – Dan Berger

2010 Runquist 1448 Red Blend \$18.99

This is a rich, fruit-driven, food-friendly wine meant to be enjoyed with good food and company showing intense ripe black and red fruit flavors, layers of creamy vanilla and spicy oak, and a smooth chocolatey finish.

After production needs are met for his single vineyard wines, Jeff Runquist assembles the best lots together to make the 1448 "house" cuvée, named after the winery's elevation in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The exact blend varies each vintage but is typically based on Petite Sirah blended with smaller portions of Barbera, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel, Syrah and Carignane.

2009 Runquist "R" Barbera, Amador County \$27.99

The 2009 Amador Barbera has a deep garnet purple color with a carmine edge and aromas of black raspberry and dark cherry fruit and toasty oak with notes of mocha and milk chocolate. On the palate this wine is both bright and zesty and rich and creamy. The finish is long and harmonious with a toasty oak nuance that lingers long after the wine is gone.

2009 Runquist "Z" Zinfandel, Massoni Ranch, Amador County \$27.99

The principal Jeff Runquist wine is the "Z" Zinfandel, an ultra premium varietal red table wine coming from a single vineyard, century-old Massoni Ranch, in Amador County's Shenandoah Valley in the heart of California's gold rush country.

This flagship Zinfandel shows a youthful and bright beautiful garnet color of medium depth and aroma loaded with raspberry, red currant, and black cherry. The flavors remain true to the aroma's promise and offer up ripe succulent red fruits wrapped up in a velvety texture. The finish is classic Runquist; smooth and soft with lingering notes of hazelnut.

2009 Runquist Petite Sirah \$29.99

The color of this Petite Sirah is deep and inky. Big jammy scents of ripe concentrated blackberry, black raspberry and boysenberry dominate the bouquet, and the heavily toasted interiors of the French oak barrels in which it ages add a smoky dark chocolate to the bouquet. Creamy mouth coating flavors of ripe boysenberry and blackberry are accompanied by a note of caramel. The texture is full of thick viscous but mature soft tannins, while the finish is long and lingering.