

# 2009 Sangiovese Alpicella Vineyard Sonoma County



## *Strawberries in a field of roses*

*93% Sangiovese, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot*

**The Vineyard:** Dan and Betsy Sanchez's Alpicella Vineyard is on top of the highest mountain peak bordering Sonoma Valley on the east. It's above the summer fog line on a west facing steeply terraced slope. Watered by spring water magically bubbling from the ground and grown without pesticides Dan's Sangiovese grapes respond by giving us this wonderful wine. Alpicella means little Alps. It's appropriate.

**The 2009 Vintage** was cooler than normal with normal rainfall, although "normal" is changing with climate change. The odd numbered vintages have for decades produced the boldest wines; 2009 was more like a typical even vintage, producing gentler, less aggressive wines. This Sangiovese's delicate balance of fruit and structure are from these influences.

**Vinification:** Whole berry fermentation, gentle handling and attention to the myriad of details over its journey from vine to bottle have enhanced the special character of the fruit. After starting the fermentation on indigenous yeast, we inoculated with Brunello yeast, a traditional Tuscan yeast, which accentuates aromatics and mid-palate structure. The last bit of the fermentation took place in the barrels in the wine cave, adding nuance.

**We age** our red wines in the barrel longer than any other American winery. Exceptional wine ages better in the barrel than it does in the bottle. We think you will agree with this dedication to excellence when you taste Deerfield wine.

**The Sangiovese Experience** starts with a narrow focus of strawberries and roses in front of your palate. With the first sip the flavors expand rapidly into a swell of mid-palate flavors that crests forward into a wave that evokes ripe strawberries fresh from the patch. The Cabernet Franc in the blend lifts the experience to the top of your palate like dark chocolate. The Merlot rounds out the edges. The oak affect is very subtle, leaving the grapes to express their uniqueness.

Deerfield produces clean wines, low in histamines and sulfites.

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Barrel aged 48 months in 70% American and 30% French oak, 25% new.

Unfined. Velcorin free. Vegan. Sustainably grown. Organically made.

Alcohol 14.5%, Residual Sugar 0.5g/L.

SO2 at release 12 ppm, low histamines

Bottled 424 cases, September 2014, released January 2015

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