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Cellar Report | September 2026

DOLCETTO 2023 – WINE OF THE MONTH, OCTOBER 2026

September has been a busy month in the cellar, and the only wine we bottled was our Dolcetto 2023.

This delicious wine opens with inviting aromas of blueberry, rose petals, and toasted oak. The palate is bright and balanced, with lively acidity and smooth, fine tannins. Rich oak adds depth, complementing layered notes of vanilla, cocoa, and subtle baking spice.

The finish is clean, flavorful, and well structured, showcasing both freshness and warmth. It is a perfect choice for cool October evenings and relaxed gatherings.

THE CRUSHING REPORT

This year's harvest arrived unusually early. Warm weather in California throughout August and September pushed ripening ahead, putting us approximately two to three weeks earlier than a typical season.

The fruit arrived clean, flavorful, and full of varietal character. The white grapes showed beautiful freshness and aromatics, while the reds arrived with firm skins, ripe tannins, and good sugar concentration. Overall, the quality has been excellent and very promising.

This month's crush brought us a wonderful mix of grapes, each showing its own personality.

Viognier arrived fully ripe, with a rich body and intense aromas and flavors of peach and tropical fruit. Albariño showed refreshing notes of stone fruit and citrus, while Muscat of Alexandria and Symphony arrived with bright floral aromas and fresh white-fruit flavors.

Sangiovese displayed clean notes of tart cherry and strawberry with smooth tannins, while Carignan showed lively acidity and classic plum flavors.

Among the darker varieties, Teroldego gave us deep color and firm structure, while Tempranillo showed its characteristic earthy plum notes. Tannat and Petite Sirah were the boldest grapes of the group, with thick skins and strong tannins that should bring plenty of richness and structure as the wines develop.

Our Viognier, Muscat, Symphony, Albariño, Sangiovese, and Carignan came from Lodi, California. Tempranillo, Teroldego, Tannat, and Petite Sirah arrived from Clarksburg, California.

It has been a busy but exciting start to harvest, and we are very happy with how everything is looking so far.

Cheers,
Rodrigo

