
2015 EL DORADO BALLIAMO DAVID GIRARD VINEYARD ARTIST SERIES

Balliamo is a word that brings joy and happiness to the heart of any Italian. It means being close with people you love, it means bringing everyone together, it means having fun - in Italian it means “let’s dance” and it’s with that joy that we bring this wine to you. Cornerstone Balliamo is one of the new exciting wines to join Corallina Syrah Rosé as one of our “Wine Dance” labels featuring the beautiful painting by artist Janet Ekholm.

Our “Wine Dance” labels, of which Corallina Syrah Rosé was our first, are wines inspired by the wines of southern France and Italy. Our current group of new releases are from classic southern French varieties. These are wines full of joy and energy that, while ready to drink tonight, will age beautifully over the next several years.

Our new “Wine Dance” white wine releases this spring are all from the organically farmed David Girard Vineyard in the El Dorado AVA. We have decided to venture outside of the Napa Valley for these varieties as we did not want to be limited in our search to find vineyards that would deliver the most character and complexity to our wines.

We did a dance in crafting Balliamo as it is a distinctive blend of 59% marsanne, 33% roussanne and 8% viognier. We co-fermented the marsanne and roussanne, then blended in a touch of viognier to give extra texture and complexity. All of the wines were barrel fermented in mature French Oak barrels. Each of these varieties lends their full personality to Balliamo. The marsanne gives richness and depth, the roussanne edge and acidity, while the viognier layers exotic aromatics and a long flowery finish. They are indeed dancing together!



- Suggested retail: \$30
- Cases produced: 180
- Aging profile: Barrel fermented, aged for five months in 20% neutral French oak, 80% stainless steel
- Alcohol: 14.1%

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