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## **2019 Gaudi Carli**

Calistoga Appellation, Napa Valley Barbera

### **CLASSIC CARLI**

Next to Petite Sirah, Barbera may be the most underappreciated grape in California. In Napa Valley, where the “savage grape” Cabernet Sauvignon is king, Barbera is practically non-existent. Maybe that’s why we love the rare Gaudi Carli vineyard so much – we have a big soft spot for stray dogs. This one happens to have a huge heart plus pedigree. Barbera is one of the classic varieties 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 old vine Barbera we know of in Napa Valley and it is loaded with character. Who we have to thank for sticking with this 80 year-old vineyard is the Torrigino family, who together over decades, have kept the scant last acre of Gaudi Carli’s original vineyards going. Just amazing it’s still there...

The 2019 Gaudi Carli Barbera is a very food friendly wine that will serve for several years to come. It pairs well with hearty soups, stews, grilled sausages, and pizzas with sun dried tomatoes.

**Vintage Notes:** A long, warm summer and mild finish to the season. The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. Volume is looking to be about average to a little less than average. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

**Harvest Dates:** 9-29-19

**Winemaking:** The fruit was hand-sorted first in the field then again at the winery. Open-top bin fermentation and punched down by hand two to three times per day. Pressed to Burgundian oak – 18% new. Aged 14 months

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

### **Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:**

Rustic red fruits fill the nose along with Bing cherry, rhubarb, plum, Iris and Cinnamon. Medium light bodied with fleshy tannins lend way to some, earthier Barbera flavors of cassis, blackberry and porcini mushroom. This Old-World style wine has a nice balance of fresh acidity which makes for a mouthwatering finish. Only 55 cases produced.