



RELEASE DATE

April 2015

APPELLATION

El Dorado

VARIETAL(S)

Sangiovese

BRIX AT HARVEST

24

COOPERAGE

Stainless Steel

ALCOHOL

13.8%

**RESERVE SANGIOVESE, BERTRAM VINEYARD
2013 CHARLES B. MITCHELL VINEYARDS****WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Sangiovese is a red Italian wine grape variety whose name derives from the Latin *sanguis Jovis*—"the blood of Jove." Jove, the Roman Jupiter, was king of the gods.

Sangiovese wine grapes were first cultivated in the Tuscany region by the Etruscans. In Italy, Sangiovese is the most widely planted red wine grape variety and accounts for 10% of all plantings. Throughout Italy Sangiovese is known under a variety of names including Brunello, Morellino, Nielluccio, and is the primary component in the Italian red wine "Chianti."

Italian immigrants brought Sangiovese to California in the late 1870's, perhaps by the Seghesio family near Geyserville. Today, there are plantings across the state, most notably here in Fair Play AVA, Napa, Sonoma, and Santa Barbara Counties.

This fruitful Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards Reserve Sangiovese has a distinctive bittersweet component of red fruits, cherry, violets, wild raspberry, black current and spice. Allow this 2013 Reserve Sangiovese at least 6 months and continued aging for an additional five to ten years.

CHARLES B. MITCHELL VINEYARDS

Charles B. Mitchell has been producing award-winning wines in the Sierra Foothills for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, he purchased the original UC Davis test plot and started to carefully tend our grapes to create some of the area's premier Zinfandels. After discovering the true potential of the region, Charles was instrumental in creating the thirty-three square miles known as Fair Play into an established American Viticultural Area.