

Coturri Winery

Founder's Series RED

Vintage: 1999

Grapes: Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Glover Vineyards

Appellation: Sonoma Valley

Hand Picked: October 21, 1999

Hand Labeled and Bottled: October 31, 2001

Alcohol: 13.5% NO SULFITES

297 Cases Produced

Organically grown grapes

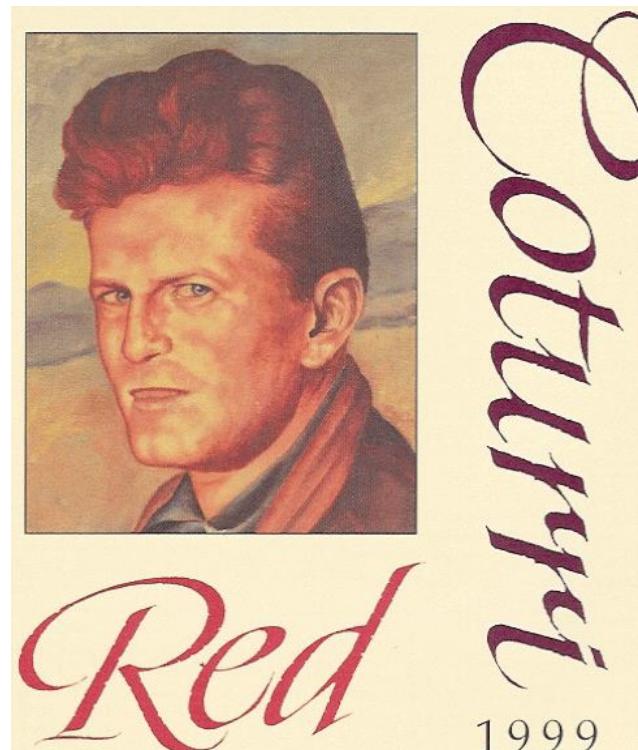


With the passing of our father Harry "RED" Coturri (1917-1997), co-founder of Coturri Winery, we decided to honor him with wines typifying our Tuscan heritage. The label has a picture of RED painted by the famous Mexican artist Antonio Angular in 1943 when RED was 26 years old.

The grapes for the Coturri Founders Series 1999 RED are a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sangiovese – a "Super Tuscan" style wine.

The Merlot is from the Glover Vineyards. Owned by actor Danny Glover the vineyard is located in the Aqua Caliente watershed at 1,000-foot elevation on the Mayacamus Mountain hillside region. The Mayacamus area is usually too warm for Merlot, but there is a micro-climate within the Glover Vineyard that is cool enough to grow good Merlot and the rest of the acreage is warm enough for Cabernet Sauvignon.

The harvest of 1999 was a very good one; the wines coming from that vintage really represent what our Sonoma Valley has to offer. Hot days and cool nights brought the grapes to complete physiological ripeness. The 1999 Harvest didn't have the extremes in weather that sometimes flaw some vintages.



Winemaker Tony Coturri's Notes:

The 1999 RED is smooth and seamless with elegant and restrained flavors and acids. The 1999 RED is a good wine to drink now or with proper cellaring you can age it for at least 10 more years.

Food Pairings: Open at least one hour ahead of time to let it breath. Serve the Coturri Founders Series 1999 RED in large red wine glasses with all food that is Tuscan. This includes: pastas with tomato sauces or pesto, grilled vegetables drizzled with fresh virgin olive oil, rosemary olive garlic tapenade; pizza and antipasto plates. Also pairs with roasted boar, guinea hen with truffles and red wine, roast stuffed goose, and well-aged cheeses.

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