STOLPMAN VINEYARDS

2010 SANGIO DEGLI ANGELI

BALLARD CANYON

TECHNICAL & TASTING NOTES:

HARVEST DATES:

October 3 - 21ST, 2010

VATTING: 16 - 18 days

COOPERAGES & ELEVAGE:

228L barriques, of which 10% new for 13 months; rack to neutral puncheon for anthter 10 to 12 months

WHOLE CLUSTER:

none

VINEYARD COMPONENTS:

Block A3, Block 3 Rodino selection of high density plantings

VARIETAL BLEND:

100% Sangiovese

FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.5%, TA: 6.1g/L pH: 3.6

BOTTLING DATE: July 10th 2013

RELEASE DATE:

October 1st 2013

CASE PRODUCTION:

912 cases



After reinvesting in perfected high density planting of Sangiovese clone 23 on a single ridgeline simply labeled "Block A" (A for Alberto Antonini?), and tasting fruit from the 20 year old Sangiovese Rodino Clone vines on the wide Block 3 Hilltop; we decided to hold the most intensely beautiful lots of Sangiovese for an "Angeli" bottling. Sashi selected the first bottling of Sangio degli Angeli from the 2008 vintage, and both that wine and the 2009 to follow, sold out shortly after release.

Marilyn Stolpman's Italian Family name Angeli, Angels, presents the perfect brand opportunity for us. Sangiovese meant Blood of the Gods in ancient Roman, so we translate, Sangio degli Angeli, to Blood of the Angels. The Angeli wine remains the very best few barrels of 100% Syrah.

For the Angeli line of wines, we strive to bottle complex "Wines of Meditation" that overwhelm the senses with deliciousness and evolve throughout a glass or bottle to surprise and delight with each discovery of nuance.

Everything about this wine is pretty and opulent. The red spectrum of color goes from deep red to Bordalesque velvet to shimmering rose around the rim. The intensity of the color is backed up by the flavor profile. Cranberry, spiced tea, and cinnamon compliment the rich red flavors and the mouth-feel is savory with a refined finish that lingers for minutes.

Like the Estate Sangiovese, this wine will take a few years to reach its true potential. But because of the intensity of the fruit profile, it offers even more hedonistic appeal than the Estate Sangiovese when drunk young. - Peter Stolpman