



STOLPMAN VINEYARDS GGT 2021/\$27.99



DESCRIPTION

Stolpman Vineyards was founded by husband and wife team Tom & Marilyn Stolpman. On their honeymoon in Napa Valley, Marilyn put the wild idea into Tom's head about one day owning a vineyard. In 1988 their search for limestone near the ocean ended with the purchase of what is now Stolpman Vineyards in Ballard Canyon AVA of Santa Barbara County. In 1994, Ruben "the Grape Whisperer" and his wife Maria Solorzano became the vineyard managers at Stolpman – employing a year-round team and empowering them through mentorship and a profit sharing program. Tom's son Peter joined the family business in 2009 after working for a reputable wine distributor. Since he joined the team, he took back the majority of the vineyard for wine production rather than selling the grapes. He also helped increase Ruben's La Cuardilla profit sharing program for the vineyard workers to 10% of all Stolpman production. Stolpman Vineyards' story is reminiscent of the early pioneers of American wine-growing. They started with a dream of cultivating land with their family, included all of those who maintain the land into the family, and produce world class wine initially through trial and error and evolving to hone their skills through collaboration.

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In its second year of production, GGT is one of the newest additions to the So Fresh family. All So Fresh wines ferment whole grape (in a sealed tank without oxygen, **AKA carbonic fermentation**), without extracting tannin and further texture from crushed grapes' macerated skin, seed, and pulp. The resulting wines show a lighter hue of red, and with far less tannin on the finish, are delicious served chilled (55 Fahrenheit or below). Stolpman Vineyards love this technique as a vehicle to express the intensity of Santa Barbara County's dry Sunshine with a more delicate touch, and the quiver of wines have increased into a big happy family since the launch of Love You Bunches Carbonic Sangiovese in 2016.

They aim to combine the straight forward red berry juice of carbonic Grenache, with the crunchiness of Gamay, and just a touch of savory Trousseau. While So Fresh wines are great out of the gate, the GGT will flesh out over its first year and continue to develop yummy secondary flavor through 2025.

GGT is 76% Grenache, 12% Gamay, and 12% Trousseau from Ballard Canyon, California. They are harvested on three separate dates and vinified separately. Only 1,100 cases produced.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

Aromas of pomegranate, cherry, exotic spice, and light mineral notes.

Palate:

Cherry Cherry Cherry -- spanning from hard candy to bright Rainier - into bright, banging Pomegranate. Savory Trousseau tea leaves back the pure red fruit and Gamay lends depth and crunch. A citrus spray layer of energy rides above the fruit profile and bonds the three varieties under its high-toned webbing. Youthful tartness and a tannin back-board structure the wine to create something more serious than just a delicious day-time masher. Serve Chilled.

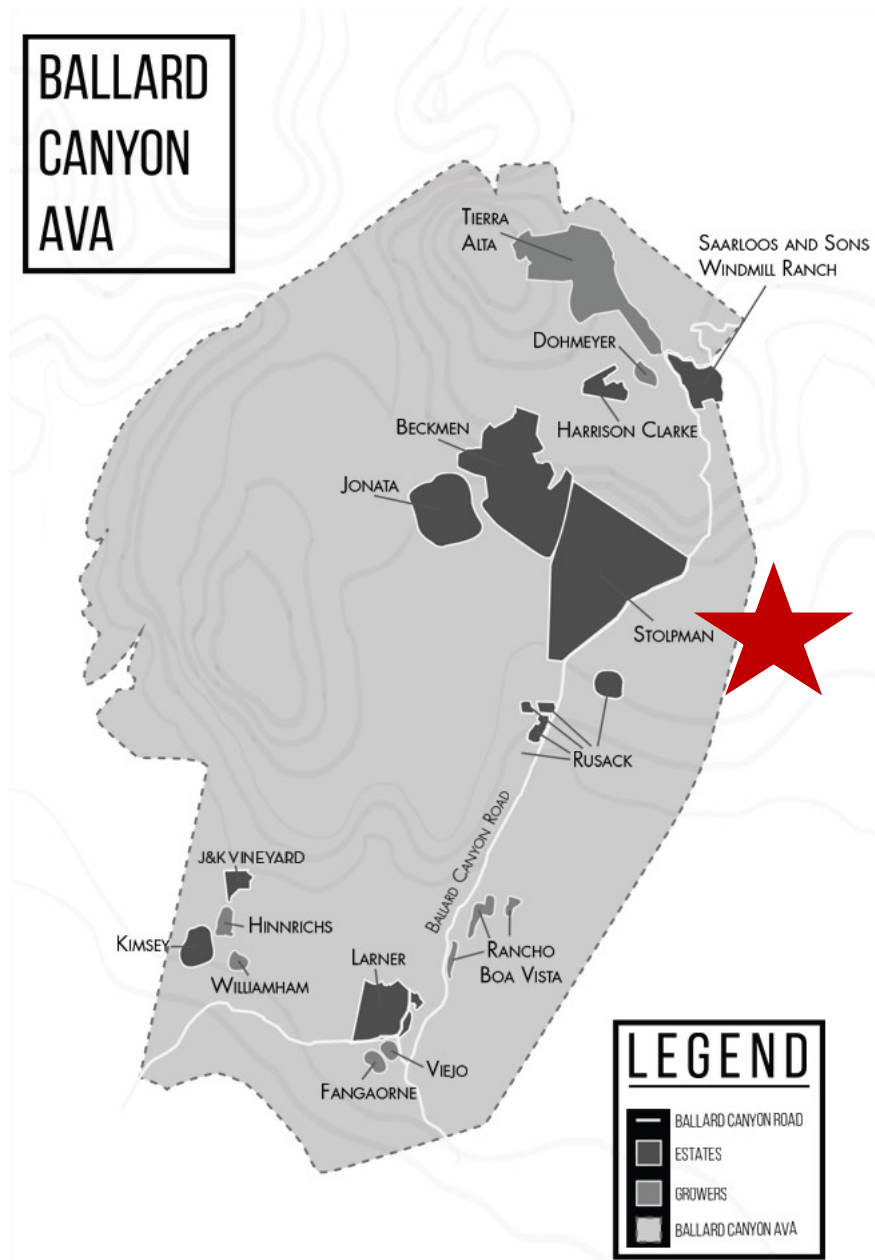
Pairing:

This blend pairs well with braises or stews of lamb and pork; rabbit, spicy dishes, and British Pub classics.

Winery Website: [Stolpman Vineyards - Products - GGT Red 2022](#)



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