

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY  
**STOLPMAN VINEYARDS**  
LOMPOC CALIFORNIA

*SO FRESH*

**GAMAY NOIR**  
**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**  
'G.D.G.'  
**2020**

## TECHNICAL

### VINEYARD COMPONENTS

Stolpman Black 6 Gamay augmented with Presquile  
Vineyard and Nolan Ranch

### VARIETAL BLEND

100% Gamay

### VINIFICATION

50% Whole-Cluster Carbonic Fermentation (Presquile and  
Stolpman) 100% Whole-Cluster Carbonic Fermentation  
(Presquile), Sans Soufre

### FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol: 12.5%

### VATTING/FERMENTATION

9 day carbonic fermentation in Stainless Steel, pressed to  
tank to finish fermentation

### COOPERAGES & ELEVAGE

Neutral French 500L Ermitage Oak Puncheon for 4 months

### RELEASE DATE

April 2021

### HARVEST DATE

Sep 8 (Stolpman), Sep 9 (Presquile), Sep 10 (Nolan Ranch)

### TOTAL PRODUCTION

350 cases

### VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage started with much needed late rain in March and April. The cold moisture pushed back bud break and set up an anticipated late harvest. Ripening then accelerated after late season heat waves. We commenced harvesting the Gamay fruit following the labor date weekend heatwave that peaked on Sep 6. We always error on the side of picking Gamay early, and I think we nailed the pick in 2020.

### SENSORY

A lighter shade of red tells the tale of a super playful, downright mashable Gamay. Black cherries for days with hibiscus and red skittles pop. Light-bodied with an herbaceous crunch up front to keep the wine bright and checking the pretty fruit on the nose and front-palate. 2020 GDG calls for a much needed countryside mid-day picnic.

## BACKGROUND

I love great Gamay and I think Gamay will find a more significant niche within the US West Coast this decade.

We own-rooted our first Gamay block back in 2016. The vines have struggled to establish themselves in the extreme Ballard Canyon wind and diurnal shifts and yields are very low. We are now working on grafting Gamay onto rootstock. The new Gamay blocks will begin producing in 2021. In the meantime, we are augmenting our production with our favorite Gamay vineyard in Santa Barbara County - Presquile Vineyards over-looking Santa Maria, and Nolan Ranch perched in the hills above Los Alamos.

As one of the newer members of the Stolpman Syrah So Fresh Family- GDG Gamay comes with a label hand-written in Ruben's beautiful penmanship. When Tom Stolpman arrived at Villa Angeli one Friday afternoon in early 2016 he noticed some re-plantings across the L'Avion runway in Block 6. He asked me what we had planted and I answered:

"Oh, that's the new Gamay!"  
"You Planted GOD DAMNED GAMAY?"  
"Well, at least we have a name for it now!"