

# CELLAR MASTER WINE CLUB

March 2021

## 2017 Vermillion North Coast, California

Keplinger Wines was founded by husband and wife Helen Keplinger and DJ Warner. Helen was born and raised in Ohio – and grew up with parents who enjoyed wine, travel and the outdoors. Helen recalls collecting wine bottles (empty ones) when she was a child. But her interest in wine did not come until later.

Helen's first job in the Napa Valley was working in the lab at Mumm Cellars. She has since built a remarkable wine making career focusing her efforts on the Napa Valley. She was winemaker at Bryant Family Vineyards and is currently the winemaker at Grace Family Vineyards; throughout her career she has worked with some of the brightest winemaking minds in the valley including Heidi Barrett and David Abreu. She has been featured in numerous publications over the years and has been named "Winemaker of the Year" several times by Food and Wine Magazine. And today she consults for a number of premium clients.

Vermillion is Keplinger's "2nd label" and the Vermillion red gets much of the same fruit and the same expert winemaking as the pricier, fully-allocated Keplinger wines. Helen and DJ set out to create a pure, high-quality Rhone style red blend with the Vermillion label.

They started, naturally, with Grenache and Syrah. To find vineyards producing the kind of fruit she desired - concentrated and intense without lacking acidity - she set out for the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Throughout the Sierra Foothills and Amador County, she sources prized fruit from celebrated vineyards and crafts them, expertly, to reflect her experience and the places she loves.

The quality of the wine is based on the quality of all its inputs, good vineyards, smart farming, and pure winemaking. They make this wine from the vineyards to the bottle, working closely with grape growers. Vermillion is delicious, hand-crafted wine to be enjoyed any night of the week.

Notes from [www.napawineproject.com](http://www.napawineproject.com)

*"Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Red Blend leaps joyously from the glass with bright, expressive raspberry coulis, Black Forest cake and blackberry compote scents plus touches of garrigue, fertile loam, fried herbs and dried roses with a waft of Sichuan pepper. Medium-bodied, the palate is softly spoken with a wonderfully plush texture and oodles of freshness, finishing long and perfumed."* **Wine Advocate 91 points.**



Reg **\$29.99/btl**

Member discount on additional btls **\$26.99/btl**



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## 2015 Enzo Boglietti Barolo Fossati Piedmont, Italy

Enzo Boglietti is a family-run winery that produces about 100,000 bottles. The winery is located in La Morra, while the vineyards are scattered amongst the communes of La Morra, Barolo, Monforte, Serralunga d'Alba, Roddino, and Sinio.

Originally a polyculture farm, in 1991 brothers Enzo and Gianni Boglietti began to phase out the other farming operations and establish their winery with their father's 2.5 hectares of vines in La Morra; the family's holdings have since grown to include just over 22 hectares. The estate is certified organic as of the 2017 vintage. Enzo is in charge of all winery matters while Gianni meticulously manages the vineyards and looks after the quality of grapes. With the encouragement of friends and neighbors, the brothers focused on farming with low yields achieved through green harvest and bunch thinning. Some of their vineyards boast very old vines, up to 100 years old. Any new plantings are planted at high (for the Barolo zone) densities of 7,000 plants per hectare.

The center of the production of the world's most exclusive and age-worthy red wines made from Nebbiolo, the Barolo region includes five core townships: La Morra, Monforte d'Alba, Serralunga d'Alba, Castiglione Falletto and the Barolo village itself, as well as a few outlying villages. The landscape of Barolo, characterized by prominent and castle-topped hills, is full of history and romance centered on the Nebbiolo grape. Its wines, with the signature "tar and roses" aromas, have a deceptively light garnet color but full presence on the palate and plenty of tannins and acidity. In a well-made Barolo, one can expect to find complexity and good evolution with notes of, for example, strawberry, cherry, plum, leather, truffle, anise, fresh and dried herbs, tobacco and violets.

The Fossati is 100% Nebbiolo from La Morra. The vines grow at 370-420m in silty clay soil, subalkaline, with very little organic matter. 30% of vines are 60 years old, 70% of vines 15 years old.

Notes from [www.bowlerwine.com/producer/boglietti-enzo](http://www.bowlerwine.com/producer/boglietti-enzo)

*"Though dense and firmly structured, this red has energy driving the cherry, eucalyptus, tobacco, licorice and tea flavors. Tightens up on the finish, where the prickly tannins are present but not overbearing. Best from 2023 through 2042. 426 cases made, 127 cases imported."* **Wine Spectator 93 points.**

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