



E&J Gallo Winery

Gina Gallo: Artisan Winemaker Inspired by Family, History and Community



Deeply passionate about honoring the history of her family and the craft of winemaking, Gina Gallo is a third-generation winemaker from one of America's most historic winemaking families. As the Vice President, Winemaking — Estate Wines, Gina is dedicated to bringing life to the Gallo family's incredible portfolio of estate vineyards in Napa, Sonoma and the Central Coast. Through these wines, she fulfills her vision of wine as a creative expression of the land.

A Winemaker's Journey

Gina's journey as a winemaker began when she was just 10 years old, tending family gardens with her father and grandfather, picking fruits and vegetables that her mother and grandmother would use for fresh, seasonal family meals.

One of eight siblings, Gina has fond memories of how her family's shared passion for food and flavor brought the generations together. "It was not just about the food, but the people at the table," said Gina. "We were always there with my mother's parents and my father's parents. We learned so much about our history and their history through these meals."

Gina joined the Gallo sales team after earning her bachelor's degree from Notre Dame de Namur University. Following in her grandfather's footsteps, she found her true calling as a winemaker. In 1990, she became an apprentice winemaker at the Gallo family's experimental micro-winery in Modesto, California while she also studied winemaking at the University of California at Davis. Gina flourished under the tutelage of Julio Gallo and Marcello Monticelli, a nearly 50-year veteran of the Gallo team. Three years later, she completed her first full harvest in Sonoma County.

Today, Gina is intimately engaged with the Gallo family's premier estate vineyards. As winemaker and Vice President of Estate Winemaking, she values the entrepreneurial history of her family, using her experience and creative vision to craft luxury wines from these exceptional vines.

Giving Back to the Community

Gina and her husband, Jean-Charles Boisset, now live in the Napa Valley with their twin girls. Deeply committed to her community, Gina dedicates her time to organizations that support her passion for healthy, nourishing food. She is a board member of the American Farmland Trust, which works to preserve agricultural land, and Taste of the NFL, which raises funds and awareness for food banks and anti-hunger initiatives.

Gina has also been honored with several awards and accolades. She was a 2016 inductee to the James Beard Foundation's Who's Who of Food & Beverage in America. She was also named one of the Most Innovative Women in Food and Drink by *Fortune* magazine, as well as being named #17 on *Decanter* magazine's "Power List" of the most important men and women in wine. Gina also received an honorary Doctorate in Oenology from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island in 2008.