

CASTORO CELLARS

Reserve DORSA 2016

Cabernet Dorsa is a native grape of Germany and a rare find in America. This wine was grown on the hilltop of our Blind Faith Estate Vineyard in Paso Robles. Cabernet Dorsa is a cross of Cabernet Sauvignon and Dornfelder. It has a slight bell pepper character that Cabernet Sauvignon has, but it is darker in color and usually has more tannin structure.

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, Owners

HARVEST NOTES

The harvest of 2016 was nearly ideal. No frost events in spring and generally seasonal weather with some well-timed heat spells to aid in ripening the grapes. In September, the temperatures made big swings from night and day which lengthened the hang time on the vines and resulted in very balanced wines with crisp acidity and mild tannins.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Cabernet Dorsa is the first red grape to arrive at the winery. Because of its high-tannin reputation, much care was taken to not over-extract the wine to avoid a bitter and astringent finish. This wine has bright berry fruit flavors, deep color, and a soft finish. Extended oak aging framed the fruit with delicate baking spice aromas creating complexity. The acid retention of this wine makes it great for food and age ability.

TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Dark ink with blue to red tones
AROMA: Slight herbs and spice, pomegranate, blueberry with spicy oak
PALATE: Raspberry and plum, richness in mid palate.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Dorsa VINEYARD SOURCES: Blind Faith
AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: August 15, 2016
BOTTLING DATE: September 11, 2018 HARVEST SUGAR: 27.5° brix
OAK: French & American OAK AGE: 11 months ALCOHOL: 13.4%
TA: 0.74 g/100mL pH: 3.81

