

# CASTORO CELLARS

## ESTATE MOSCATO 2018

Moscato is truly a grape where the fresh aromas are just as intense and flowery in the wine as the grapes! As the fermentation takes place, the whole cellar is filled with its beautiful fragrance: juicy peaches, ripe apricots, and white flowers. Made in the Moscato fashion, this is sweet and light, but balanced with refreshing acidity. Drink this chilled as an aperitif or enjoy its freshness with fruit desserts or your favorite spicy foods.

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, *Owners*

### HARVEST NOTES

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2018 was an interesting year. A mild spring led to a favorable bloom and set period for the grapes. The summer had a heat spell for an extended period which pushed the ripening into high gear. After that, the temperatures moderated, and the grapes came in over an extended period. Berries sized up, and the yields were just slightly above our estimates. Great color and extraction all around!

### WINEMAKER NOTES

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The key to making a delicious Moscato is being able to trap in the beautiful aromas and flavors of the grape and balance the sweetness with enough acid to make it light and refreshing, rather than thick and cloying. A long, cool stainless-steel fermentation retains the distinct Moscato characteristics: peach, apricot, tangerine peel, and honeycomb. The wine is bottled with a little of the carbon dioxide leftover from the fermentation to give a slight effervescence and to lift the fruit aromas.

TOM MYERS, *Winemaker*

### TASTING NOTES

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**APPEARANCE:** Light, golden yellow

**AROMA:** Orange blossom, peaches, tangerine, honeycomb

**PALATE:** Stone fruits, softly sweet with light effervescent

### TECHNICAL NOTES

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**VARIETAL:** 82% Muscat Canelli, 18% Orange Muscat

**VINEYARD SOURCES:** Dos Viñas, Jack Knife, Stones Throw **AVA:** Paso Robles

**HARVEST DATE:** September 4, 2018 **BOTTLING DATE:** July 19, 2019

**HARVEST SUGAR:** 23.0° brix **OAK:** N/A **OAK AGE:** N/A **ALCOHOL:** 12.5%

**TA:** 0.67 g/100mL **pH:** 3.2 **RS:** 4.0%

