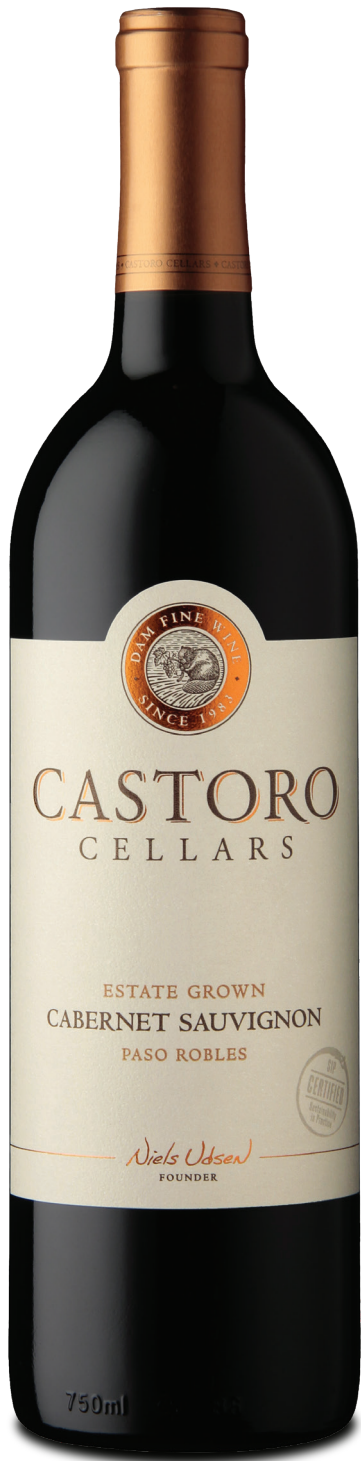




CASTORO CELLARS



ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

The Paso Robles growing region is perfect for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The fruit loves the warm days and cool nights that run through the growing season. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is packed with black fruit and raspberry flavors framed by vanilla spice nuances from both American and French oak. This broad-shouldered Cabernet Sauvignon is ready to drink now, but also has formidable aging potential.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

HARVEST NOTES:

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:

I was fortunate enough to be able to construct 80% of this wine from our prized Whale Rock vineyard. The balance is from our eastside estate vines. To mitigate the hefty tannins inherent in the Whale Rock Cab I incorporated some Malbec and Syrah into the blend. A long 18 months in oak barrel also aided the softening but you will still find enough tannin to reward a year or two of bottle age.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Garnet red

AROMA: Blackberry and black currant, toasted marshmallow, vanilla spice

PALATE: Black plum, raspberry and blackberry, medium tannins, lean acid

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec, 7% Syrah

VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock, Hog Canyon, Stones Throw **AVA:** Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: October 1, 2018 **BOTTLING DATE:** August 3, 2020

HARVEST SUGAR: 24.9° brix **OAK:** French and American **OAK AGE:** 18 months

ALCOHOL: 13.5% **TA:** 0.62 g. 100ml **pH:** 3.7

ACCOLADES:

90 POINTS - Wine Enthusiast

92 POINTS - Tasting Panel

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