

CASTORO CELLARS



2023 CHARBONO WHALE ROCK VINEYARD PASO ROBLES

Charbono made with organic grapes from our Whale Rock Vineyard is typically one of the last grapes to be harvested. The long hang time allows the flavors to fully mature and create an exceptional wine reminiscent of the great Italian vintages. It displays black cherry, spice, plum and toasted oak. There are flavors of blueberry, plum, black cherry with soft tannins and a lengthy finish. A treat and unique wine for any cellar!

HARVEST NOTES:

Harvest 2023 caught us all by surprise. Most growers, including us, received early crop estimates that projected a small harvest like 2022. That news prompted Bimmer and I to camp in our vineyards and do long walks amongst the vines. My depression was soon relieved! The clusters were large with nice juicy berries. We had a cool and late spring, so the vines took more time to ripen due to an extended bud break followed by a mild summer. Without any heat waves and plenty of water in the soil from the wonderful 40 inches of rain the canopies and clusters grew and grew. The long hang time in cooler weather allowed the grapes to produce dark and rich colors along with beautiful tannins in the red wines. Even though it took a long time ripen, the grape sugars were exactly where we wanted them. - Niels and Bimmer Udsen, Founders

WINEMAKER NOTES:

This Charbono comes from a cool area in our Whale Rock Vineyard where we take special care of these vines to obtain optimal ripeness to produce a most compelling wine. Vibrant color and good structure give appeal, but it is the earthiness and robust fruit character makes this wine stand out amongst the other wines in our portfolio. Oak is balanced so varietal character can show through. - Castoro Cellars Winemaking Team

TASTING NOTES:

Appearance: Dark red

Aroma: Black cherry, earth, juniper and pine

Palate: Herbaceous notes of pine and dill, rounded out with toast and black fruit. Firm tannins provide structure

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Varietal: 100% Charbono

Vineyard Sources: Whale Rock Vineyard

AVA: Paso Robles

Harvest Date: Oct. 11th, 2023

Bottling Date: September 6, 2024

Harvest Sugar: 24° brix

Oak: French & American for 14 months

pH: 3.91

Alcohol: 13.3%

