

# CASTORO CELLARS

## *Reserve* GRENACHE 2018 WHALE ROCK VINEYARD

This favorite southern Rhone grape is made from our organically grown vineyards in Paso Robles. Our Grenache is similar to the Spanish style, Grenacha, with spicy-berry flavors and soft tannin structure. Grenache pairs wonderfully with tapas, grilled meats, and lighter pasta dishes. Cheers!

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, Owners

### 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

---

Grenache has a very appealing profile which comes across in both aroma and flavor. It can however benefit from a boost of color and body; in this bottling we blended in Carignane and Charbono to augment those characteristics without detracting from the varietal nature of Grenache. This wine rested 15 months in older barrels.

TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES

---

APPEARANCE: Brick red

AROMA: Cranberry, rose petals, herbs and spice

PALATE: Red Cherry, toasted almonds, black pepper with soft tannins

### TECHNICAL NOTES

---

VARIETAL: 75% Grenache, 15% Carignane, 10% Charbono

VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock VineyardAVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: November 1, 2018 BOTTLING DATE: May 22, 2020

HARVEST SUGAR: 24.9° brix OAK: French and American

OAK AGE: 15 months ALCOHOL: 14.1% TA: 0.60 g.100mL pH: 3.67

