



# CASTORO CELLARS

## 2020 PINOT NOIR WHALE ROCK VINEYARD

Our Whale Rock Vineyard is CCOF certified organic and located on the west side of Paso Robles in the Templeton Gap District. This vineyard produces a well-rounded Pinot Noir as the cool air at night aids to retain the acidity while the warm days develop flavors in the berries. The Pinot Noir clusters are tiny with small berries which help in creating the fruit intensity of the delicate wine.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

### HARVEST NOTES:

2020 – that might be enough said! Everything about this year has been unforeseeable. Luckily the grapes were somewhat immune. Spring was on time with very little threat or damage from frost followed by a long and moderate growing season. We did get a hot spell that reduced the grapes on the vine and some areas struggled. Worse were the fires that caused smoke to hang in the air for days. We were extremely worried about a potentially memorable vintage ruined by smoke taint. We tested everything and are confident we dodged a bullet. Whew! Look forward to full bodied reds and aromatic whites.

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Typically, this is the first red variety to be harvested from the Whale Rock Vineyard each season. We used a quick, yet warm maceration along with French and American oak aging for only 10 months to retain the bright fruit characters and suppleness. Classic Pinot Noir nuances of Bing cherry, thyme, nutmeg, and violets are present with balanced, round, and layered tannins.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Burgundy red

AROMA: Cola, cherry, herbs, and allspice

PALATE: Cherry, raspberry, cloves; balanced with integrated tannins and oak

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock

AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: September 23, 2020

BOTTLING DATE: August 6, 2021 HARVEST SUGAR: 25.0° brix

OAK: French and American OAK AGE: 10 months ALCOHOL: 14.8%

TA: 0.53 g. 100ml pH: 4.02



### ACCOLADES:

88 POINTS - Wine Enthusiast

