



# CASTORO CELLARS

## 2019 PRIMITIVO

Our Primitivo is sourced from our Whale Rock vineyard on the west side of Paso Robles and our Blind Faith vineyard from the east side. Primitivo is a clone of Zinfandel imported from Italy, sharing many of Zinfandel's characteristics, but often with a cracked pepper spice. Petite Sirah was blended to add some mouthfeel and overall structure. The Oakenshield wines are produced to celebrate the spirit of the good life to be enjoyed with friends and family both past and present.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

### HARVEST NOTES:

Vintage 2019 is like the Tale of Two Cities. The beginning of harvest was a bit late to start but the fruit was ripe, juicy, balanced, and full of color. It felt like an amazing super vintage was in the making both in quality and timing. However, we must never forget that we are farming, and anything can happen. A series of early frosts hit, and the vines slowed down making the tail end of harvest more difficult and time consuming. 90% of the fruit made it in time so overall the outlook is still bright!

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

The combination of weather, soils, and good organic farming makes for a luscious Primitivo. High ripeness is critical to the success of this wine; however, that can also lead to challenges in the winery. Primitivo, at the brix we like to obtain, can sometimes be reluctant to go dry and any residual sweetness detracts from the complexity. Anxious monitoring of the fermentation is a given. The aroma and flavor intensity of Primitivo, diminished by excessive oak extract, means that only moderate oak aging is required: in this case just 12 months in American Oak. Petite Sirah, always an eligible blender for Primitivo and Zinfandel, was incorporated for added structure and mouthfeel.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark, rich red

AROMA: Black cherry, pepper and spicy oak

PALATE: Cherry, blueberry, vanilla, smokey spice with a smooth lingering finish

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 80% Primitivo, 15% Petite Sirah, 5% Zinfandel

VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock and Blind Faith AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: November 22, 2019 BOTTLING DATE: March 26, 2021

HARVEST SUGAR: 27.4° brix OAK: American OAK AGE: 12 months

ALCOHOL: 14.8% TA: 0.63 g/100ml pH: 3.85

