



# CASTORO CELLARS

## ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

This Estate grown Sauvignon Blanc is SIP Certified and CCOF Certified Organic. A perennial favorite among white wines! Made with grapes grown in our organically farmed Estate Dos Viñas vineyard; it is highly aromatic and refreshing. This is a dry, yet fruit driven, wine with a refreshing bouquet. What makes this wine unique and so versatile is the play between fruit and a delicate crisp mouthfeel. Often it is the earliest grape we harvest in the fall due to it being an early 'ripeners' plus our desire to harvest it at a lower sweetness compared to our varieties.

### 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. 2024 will be exceptional in many ways.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

The Estate Sauvignon Blanc is harvested at a lower ripeness to retain acidity, and at a degree of ripeness that is essential to maximizing varietal character. With this variety a high level of alcohol detracts from its freshness and lively mouthfeel. The juice was then cool fermented to dryness, and with a yeast specifically selected for Sauvignon Blanc. No oak ageing is given to this variety so as to allow its distinctive varietal aroma and flavor to stand out. Following clarification and stabilization the wine was bottled young so as to retain its youthful vibrancy.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES:

**APPEARANCE:** Light straw

**AROMA:** Pear, Lime zest and grassy notes

**PALATE:** Bright citrus and honeysuckle with crisp, refreshing acidity

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

**VINEYARD SOURCES:** Dos Viñas **AVA:** Paso Robles

**HARVEST DATE:** September 13, 2023 **HARVEST SUGAR:** 23° brix

**BOTTLING DATE:** December 07, 2023

**OAK:** N/A **OAK AGE:** N/A **ALCOHOL:** 13.0%

**TA:** 0.57 g/100ml **pH:** 3.02 **Residual Sugar:** 0.0 g/100ml

