



CASTORO CELLARS

2020 TRENTANOVE ANNIVERSARY BLEND

Trentanove means thirty-nine in Italian and this reserve red blend celebrates thirty-eight years of Dam Fine Wine! Starting on the 10th anniversary, a tribute wine has been created every year, blending the best barrels of distinctive varietal lots together from a single vintage, to make a compelling blend. Drink now and hold onto some to compare each vintage with friends. Cheers!

- 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:

The anniversary blend is a rewarding wine to craft each year. The varieties and ratios are never the same though the conceptual style is. I feel describing it is as important as explaining how the blend was made. I want each anniversary blend to be representative of the red wine style we do best; a "house style" if you will. It becomes automatic to want to use varieties that are important to us or ones that did very well in the vintage. The goal is not to make a big tannic wine, nor one with long oak aging, but rather one that has "bright" flavors with sufficient depth and complexity. A wine that can stand alone or as a complement to food. Typically, the blend is made 14-18 months post vinification of the individual components; after some aging has taken place and each component's potential revealed.

- CRAIG REED, Associate Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark violet

AROMA: Ripe blackberry, dark plum, cloves, spice

PALATE: Dark berries, oak spice, rich tannin and acid on finish

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Syrah, 18% Tannat, 16% Primitivo, 10% Petite Sirah, 8% Malbec

VINEYARD SOURCES: Blind Faith, Whale Rock, Stone Throw **AVA:** Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: Septmeber & October 2020 **BOTTLING DATE:** July 6, 2022

HARVEST SUGAR: 25.5° brix **OAK:** French and American **OAK AGE:** 12 months

ALCOHOL: 14.2% **TA:** 0.48 g. 100ml **pH:** 3.95

