



CASTORO CELLARS

2021 QUARANTA 40th ANNIVERSARY BLEND

“Quaranta! Wow, forty years have passed since Bimmer and Niels founded Castoro Cellars. It has been quite the ride. Our first anniversary wine was Dieci Anni. On that label it jokingly stated that one might have to wait five years for the next blend! It was so popular that we have done one every vintage since. The goal then and now has always been to create a special wine highlighting the greatness of the appellation and our cumulative winemaking talents gained over the years. One stipulation was made, as an homage to Paso Robles, some Zinfandel had to be an integral part of the blend. Enjoy once released but this wine ages superbly. The Dieci Anni is still beautiful and delicious today!

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

HARVEST NOTES:

Every vintage has its personality. 2021 is no exception. The spring did not produce any real frost events that could have harmed the tender vines. Most of spring was mild and caused a lingering set of the grapes on the vine. Summer was generally mild with no major heat events. The challenge was getting even ripeness with the delayed fruit set. Patience and constant field sampling paid off! Some varieties came in early, and some lingered on until nearly Thanksgiving but in the end, everything made it for our Estate wines and as always 100% organic certified. Look for bright fruit in the white wines and soft tannins in the red wines.

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.

- TOM Myers, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark violet

AROMA: Rich in berry aromas, spiciness

PALATE: Black pepper, currants & ripe plums with nice toastiness and leather to finish

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Zinfandel, 13% Petite Sirah, 9% Syrah

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

HARVEST DATE: Oct & Nov 2021 BOTTLING DATE: October 12, 2023

HARVEST SUGAR: 24.5° brix OAK: French and American OAK AGE: 18 months

ALCOHOL: 13.0% TA: 0.58 g. 100ml pH: 3.69

