



CASTORO CELLARS

OAKENSHIELD 2022 FALANGHINA

The 2021 Falanghina is from our organically grown Estate Whale Rock Vineyard in the Templeton Gap of Paso Robles. The grape variety originated in southern Italy where it is often served with fresh seafood. Falanghina is a very aromatic wine with floral tropical fruit notes and a hint of minerality. It is medium bodied, dry-yet-fruity, and finishes crisp. This lively and pleasant wine is perfect for hot Paso Robles summer and fall weather. Served chilled.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

HARVEST NOTES:

After 40 harvests one would think all possibilities would have been exhausted and there would be repeat scenarios. I may have to do another 40 to see that happen! Vintage 2022 started with enormous potential for an average yield but with superior quality. The spring was warm, bloom and set saw no bad weather and the summer began perfectly. Our cluster counts were good, and the weather portended for an early harvest. But...there is always a but, just as the berries were sizing up a tremendous heat wave settled in over California and the vines struggled; the berries stayed small, and the yields shrunk. Harvest was still early. The resulting wines though are looking amazing with deep color and wonderful ripe fruit flavors. Our grapes stood up to Mother Nature to bring you bright whites with tons of flavor and reds of uncompromising complexity.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

We began cultivating this variety several years ago and have been impressed with it in the vineyard and the winery. It holds on to acidity the best of any white grape we grow, which can be an asset in a warm, sunny environment. We monitor the acid level and do not harvest until the acidity begins to drop to an acceptable level. The wine, which has a unique compelling aroma and flavor is paired with a bold weighty mouthfeel. We make it in a fresh and unoaked manner, and this wine is bottled young - within the first year of production.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Medium gold

AROMA: Orange blossom, pear, granny smith apples

PALATE: Citrus, green apple, pineapple cake and pear. Firm acidity.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 83% Falanghina, 13% Pinot Grigio, 4% Grenache Blanc

VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock Vineyard AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: September 30, 2022 BOTTLING DATE: April 14, 2023

HARVEST SUGAR: 19.5° brix OAK: N/A

OAK AGE: N/A ALCOHOL: 12.5% TA: 0.55 g. 100ml pH: 3.11

