



CASTORO CELLARS

2020 SYRAH WHALE ROCK VINEYARD

Our Whale Rock Vineyard is CCOF Certified Organic and located on the westside of Paso Robles in the Templeton Gap District. Look for dark fruit, currants, plums and toasted oak on the nose with a finish of dark chocolate and plum. This versatile wine will age gracefully and pairs well with anything from appetizers to heavy pasta dishes. This is definitely one of our personal go-to wines. Enjoy!

- 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:

Syrah from the Whale Rock Vineyard manifests a wine with deep color and a substantial tannin backbone. This vineyard produces a well rounded Syrah as the cool air at night aids to retain the acidity while the warm days develop flavors in the berries. To create a balanced wine, we follow the fermentation extraction closely to get color and flavor but not excessive astringency. Aging in small oak barrels for almost 2 years is critical for getting flavor intensity and complexity.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark red purple

AROMA: Dark fruit, plum, currants and toasted oak

PALATE: Dark chocolate, plum, with sweet tannins

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 100% Syrah VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock AVA: Paso Robles
HARVEST DATE: October 19, 2019 BOTTLING DATE: August 16, 2022
HARVEST SUGAR: 26.0° brix OAK: French and American OAK AGE: 20 months
ALCOHOL: 14.2% TA: 0.66 g. 100ml pH: 3.89

