



CASTORO CELLARS

2021 CABERNET DORSA

Cabernet Dorsa is a native grape of Germany and a rare find in America. This wine was grown on the hilltop of our Blind Faith Estate Vineyard in Paso Robles. Cabernet Dorsa is a cross of Cabernet Sauvignon and Dornfelder. It has a slight bell pepper character that Cabernet Sauvignon has, but it is darker in color and usually has more tannin structure.

- 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:

Cabernet Dorsa is the first red grape to arrive at the winery. Because of its high-tannin reputation, much care was taken to not over-extract the wine to avoid a bitter and astringent finish. This wine has bright berry fruit flavors, deep color, and a soft finish. Extended oak aging framed the fruit with delicate baking spice aromas creating complexity. The acid retention of this wine makes it great for food and age ability.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark ink with blue to red tones

AROMA: Slight herbs and spice, pomegranate, blueberry with spicy oak

PALATE: Raspberry and plum, richness in mid palate

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Dorsa

VINEYARD SOURCES: Blind Faith

AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: September 6, 2021

BOTTLING DATE: April 24, 2023

HARVEST SUGAR: 27.5° brix

OAK: French & American

OAK AGE: 13 months

ALCOHOL: 13.2%

TA: 0.66 g. 100ml

pH: 3.7

RS: 0.0 g. 100ml

