



# CASTORO CELLARS

## 2020 DUE MILA DICIASETTE

Diciasette means seventeen in Italian, and this is our 17th version of our reserve Bordeaux based blend. We select the star lots from that harvest, blend them together, and then put it to bed in our best barrels from a variety of forests and coopers to optimize the complexity. This exclusive wine is produced in extremely limited quantities when a vintage warrants the Due Mila signature. A cellar-worthy wine.

- 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:

Putting this blend together, the goal is to keep to the tradition of only using varieties that have a historical connection to the Bordeaux region of France. Of course, the influence of grapes grown in Paso Robles versus Bordeaux is apparent and welcomed. Our winemaking style at Castoro, also, is no doubt different. Critical to this blend is the varietal makeup and the 20 months or more of small oak barrels. Cabernet Sauvignon makes up the single largest portion though Malbec, with its rich distinctive notes, also takes a prominent role in the blend. The Merlot, Tannat, and Petite Sirah components fill out this wine to create lush balance.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark Red

AROMA: Black cherry, White pepper, pipe tobacco and cedar

PALATE: Rich dark fruit, blueberry, oak, candied pecans with luscious tannins

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malbec, 10% Merlot,  
7% Tannat, & 3% Petite Sirah

VINEYARD SOURCES: Stone's Throw & Whale Rock

AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: October 2020

BOTTLING DATE: October 16, 2023 HARVEST SUGAR: 24.6° brix

OAK: French and American OAK AGE: 20 months

ALCOHOL: 14.0% TA: 0.57 g. 100ml pH: 3.71

