



# CASTORO CELLARS

## 2020 EAST MEETS WEST

The East Meets West wine is our way of showcasing how well fruit from the east and west side play together. Every year we choose lots from both sides that really complement each other to make a great final blend. In the 2019 vintage, we have Syrah from our certified organic Whale Rock vineyard from the westside blended with Tannat, Petite Sirah, and Petit Verdot from various eastside vineyards.

- 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:

Our East Meets West is a fun blend to assemble. Basically, no rules with an array of varieties from our Estate vineyards to choose from. This vintage, we chose Syrah from Whale Rock and Jack Knife Vineyards as the base, spiced it up with Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot from our Blind Faith Vineyard, which gives the blend depth and complexity. Finally, the Tannat from Blind Faith Vineyard adds tannin and structure with darker fruit characters. The blend, along with French and American oak aging, delivers a complex but approachable wine with resolved tannins on the finish.

- JAMIE MALESZA & CRAIG REED, Winemakers

### TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark red

AROMA: Cured meats, blueberry, and vanilla

PALATE: Blueberry, blackberry, and plum with hints of toffee and vanilla. Silky tannins

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 37% Syrah, 24% Tannat, 22% Carignane, 11% Charbono,  
14% Petite Sirah, 2% Malbec

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

HARVEST DATE: October 1, 2020      BOTTLING DATE: August 16, 2022

HARVEST SUGAR: 25.4° brix      OAK: French and American      OAK AGE: 15 months

ALCOHOL: 13.7%      TA: 0.65 g. 100ml      pH: 3.87

