



# CASTORO CELLARS



## 2021 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.

- 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:

Another fun year to assemble this blend, with a no rules attitude for coming up with a spirited fun blend. We chose Syrah from our Whale Rock Vineyard as the base to build upon. Tannat from our Blind Faith II Vineyard gave it more backbone along with some depth and finesse from Carignan and Charbono. A splash of Petite Sirah and Malbec contribute complexity. The combination of French and American oak aging delivers a complex wine with approachable tannins and a delicious lengthy finish.

- JAMIE MALESZA & CRAIG REED, Winemakers

### TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Dark red

AROMA: Blackberry, vanilla, cigar box and spicy oak

PALATE: Plum, blackberry, espresso bean and firm tannins

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 39% Petite Sirah, 22% Tempranillo, 20% Syrah,  
14% Tannat, & 5% Primitivo

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

HARVEST DATE: Oct & Nov, 2021 BOTTLING DATE: July 17, 2023

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

ALCOHOL: 13.9% TA: 0.58 g. 100ml pH: 3.76

