



# CASTORO CELLARS

## 2020 MALBEC

Malbec is one of the six red varieties of Bordeaux wines, the most planted grape in Argentina, and widely used in Cahors, France for blending. Our Malbec is grown in our Hog Canyon and Stones Throw Estate Vineyards, within the Estrella District sub-AVA, where it does exceptionally well! We get color depth, a richness in the mid-palate, and a ton of fruit aromas and flavors. Enjoy it now but the wine will age superbly for five to ten years too.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

### HARVEST NOTES:

2020 –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:

Malbec has its all- fruit flavors, herbal aromas, richness in the palate, and tannin structure on the finish. Care is taken during the fermentation to not over extract the Malbec. The wine is pumped over often to extract color without extracting too much of the bitter tannins. The Malbec is aged 12 months in French and American oak to add a layer of baking spice and mocha softness to the finish and frame the red berry fruit flavors.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Medium ruby red

AROMA: Black licorice, mocha, blackberry fruit

PALATE: Rich and smooth, blackberry and plum with soft tannin

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 100% Malbec VINEYARD SOURCES: Stones Throw & Hog Canyon

AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: October 29, 2020

BOTTLING DATE: August 30, 2020

HARVEST SUGAR: 26.0° brix

OAK: French & American

OAK AGE: 12 months

ALCOHOL: 13%

TA: 0.53 g. 100ml

pH: 4.05

