



# CASTORO CELLARS

## 2021 BARBERA

Barbera is an Italian varietal grown mostly in Piedmont and the southwest area of Lombardy, where it accounts for nearly 50% of the plantings. Half of our Barbera grapes are planted on a steep south-facing slope while the balance is near a creek running through the vineyard. Barbera is known for its full body, low tannins, and high acidity levels. Enjoy with your favorite Italian dishes!

- 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:

Barbera is a very good fit for our Estrella District vineyard. There, its naturally high acidity holds up to the warm sunny climate; in fact, we often harvest based as much on seeing the titratable acidity drop as on the sugar content. Color is only moderate in this variety but what leads to its popularity is the aroma, flavor intensity, crisp structure, and the ability to hold well with long aging despite being softer in tannin. Aged 13 months in American oak, it will reward you more after more bottle age.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Light ruby red

AROMA: Cherry, chocolate, herbs, and caramel

PALATE: Cherry, strawberry, plum. Nice oak structure with firm acidity

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 100% Barbera      VINEYARD SOURCES: Blind Faith

AVA: Paso Robles      HARVEST DATE: October 23, 2021

BOTTLING DATE: June 7, 2023      HARVEST SUGAR: 21.2° brix

OAK: American & French      OAK AGE: 13 months

ALCOHOL: 12.0%      TA: 0.47 g. 100ml      pH: 3.85

