

CASTORO CELLARS

Reserve TEMPRANILLO 2015 WHALE ROCK VINEYARD

Whale Rock Vineyard is a certified organic vineyard in the Templeton Gap AVA of Paso Robles. This is an awarding treat that explodes with ripe strawberries, framed by cinnamon-spiced plums, and cedar box aromas. Enjoy with Paella or pair with tapas and mixed grilled entrees.

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, Owners

HARVEST NOTES

Spring of 2015 began warm and pushed bud break early causing the harvest to begin before the annual average. The warmth helped the grapes mature beautifully and fully. Inexplicably the yields were unusually low across Paso Robles. The resultant wines are very full in color, flavor and aromas. Truly an exceptional vintage.

WINEMAKER NOTES

My favorite part of Tempranillo is the bright fruit up front with chalky tannin finish. The aromas and flavors of Tempranillo are bright red berries such as cherry, strawberry, and raspberry that burst in your mouth. Extended oak aging, using fairly neutral oak, frames the fruit flavors with some spice that adds a layer of complexity. There are ample tannins, although softer and chalky, that make this wine a great pair with food.

TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Red garnet

AROMA: Ripe strawberries, cinnamon-spiced plums and cedar box

PALATE: Bright, dry yet fruity, medium bodied with cherry finish

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL: 100% Tempranillo VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock

AVA: Templeton Gap, Paso Robles PRODUCTION: 1000 cases

HARVEST DATE: Oct. 12, 2015 BOTTLING DATE: Sept. 20, 2017

HARVEST SUGAR: 25.5° brix OAK: French and American

OAK AGE: 15 months ALCOHOL: 13.5% TA: 0.56 g/100mL pH: 3.73

