

# CASTORO CELLARS

## ESTATE ZINFANDEL 2015

This Zinfandel is another stunning wine with classic, fresh berry brightness! Flavors of raspberry jam and black cherry fill your mouth, with a subtle black pepper spice finish. Enjoy this fruit forward wine with your favorite pasta dish or grilled meat entrée.

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, *Owners*

### HARVEST NOTES

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Spring of 2015 began warm causing early growth 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

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The goal for making the Estate Zinfandel is to showcase the beautiful Zinfandel fruit characters. Oak aging is used to frame the fruit and add structure to the wine, without overpowering their bright aromas and flavors. The American oak used for Zinfandel integrates subtle vanilla-coconut flavors which creates a lushness and fullness in the mid-palate. It is essential to pick Zinfandel at the perfect time to capture the ripe and jammy flavors before they change to raisens.

TOM MYERS, *Winemaker*

### TASTING NOTES

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**APPEARANCE:** Bright red

**AROMA:** Raspberry and strawberry jam, black pepper, black licorice

**PALATE:** Medium-full bodied, elegant tannins, medium-long finish

### TECHNICAL NOTES

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**VARIETAL:** 77% Zinfandel, 19% Petite Sirah, 4% Barbera

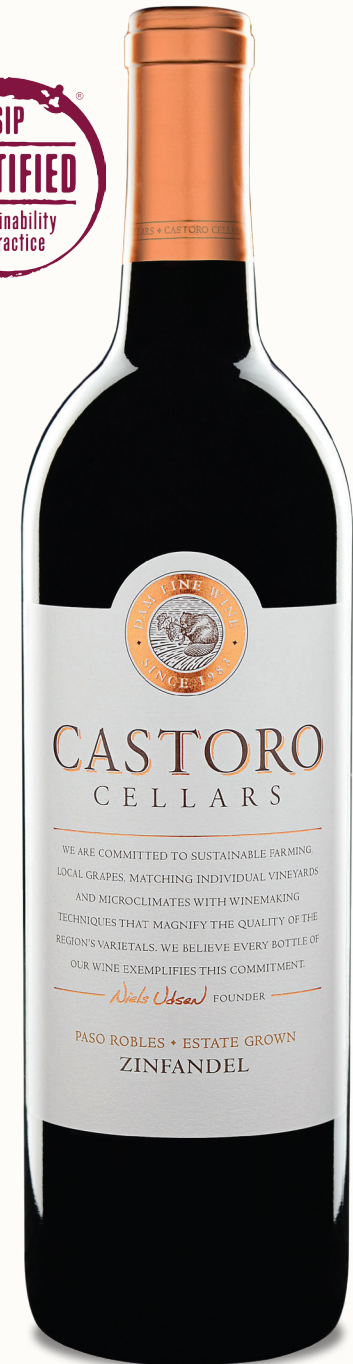
**VINEYARD SOURCES:** Double Black, Dos Viñas, Jack Knife

**AVA:** Paso Robles **HARVEST DATE:** Oct. 2015

**BOTTLING DATE:** May 17, 2017 **HARVEST SUGAR:** 25.5° brix

**OAK:** French and American **OAK AGE:** 6 months

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% **TA:** 0.54 g.100mL **pH:** 3.8



### ACCOLADES

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GOLD: SF International Wine Competition

GOLD: California Zinfandel Championship

88 POINTS: Wine Enthusiast

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