

CASTORO CELLARS

Reserve SYRAH 2016

We believe that Syrah out of Paso Robles is the best in the country and you will too after a glass of this! Grown on the eastside of Paso Robles, this Syrah gets a lot of sunshine creating a big wine with ripe berry intensity. This versatile wine will age gracefully and pairs well with anything from appetizers to heavy pasta dishes.

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, Owners

HARVEST NOTES

The harvest of 2016 was nearly ideal. No frost events in spring and generally seasonal weather with some well-timed heat spells to aid in ripening the grapes. In September, the temperatures made big swings from night and day which lengthened the hang time on the vines and resulted in very balanced wines with crisp acidity and mild tannins.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The best part of Syrah is that it is so multidimensional and layered with fruit, spice, flowers, and herbs. Some days it is all berry fruit- blackberry, plum, black cherry. Other days it is very herbal and earthy such as bay leaf, forest floor, dried mint, and violets. The winemaking goal is to tame the tannins and alcohol in the Syrah, and this is done with oak barrel aging. A combination of French and American oak adds cigar box aromas, creates the sensation of a sweet-spice lushness in the mid-palate, and softens the big tannins to a flannel finish.

TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Deep mahogany red

AROMA: Blueberry and cranberry, cinnamon toast

PALATE: Ripeness up front, red plum with a tobacco and leather finish

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL: 100% Syrah VINEYARD SOURCES: Jack Knife, Blind Faith, Double Black AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: Sept. 16, 2016
BOTTLING DATE: Sept. 26, 2018 HARVEST SUGAR: 26.2° brix
OAK: French and American OAK AGE: 16 months ALCOHOL: 14.2%
TA: 0.65 g.100mL pH: 3.76

