

# CASTORO CELLARS

## TRENTASEI 2017 ANNIVERSARY BLEND

Trentasei means thirty-six in Italian and this reserve red blend celebrates thirty-six years of Dam Fine Wine! Starting on the 10th anniversary, a tribute wine has been created every year, blending the best barrels of wine together from that vintage. Drink now and stash some away to compare each vintage with friends. Cheers!

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, Owners

### HARVEST NOTES

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2017 was a picture perfect growing year with late heat. Early bud break and substantial soil moisture from the above average and much-needed rain caused the grapes to grow rapidly and build beautiful canopies which ended up being crucial. A sustained heat wave hit California, and the vines with adequate canopy survived well. It was a rush to the finish line before the rains arrived. Overall – fully mature grapes and excellent wine.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

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The anniversary blend is always a fun but challenging blend to make. No small pressure to come up with a blend that represents our stylistic place in the Paso Robles AVA and, of course, it needs to be a consistent winner. Since Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon are varieties we focus on, those usually make it into the blend. Barbera, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Dorsa also were used in this vintage. Sixteen months of small oak aging are beneficial to bring the characteristics together and add complexity. The goal is to make a blend that has bright vibrant fruit, medium body, and warm complementary oak notes.

TOM MYERS, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES

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APPEARANCE: Garnet red

AROMA: Smokey and spicy, black currants and plum, touch of black pepper

PALATE: Oak spice on front palate, black fruits with rich tannin and acid finish

### TECHNICAL NOTES

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VARIETAL: 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Petite Sirah, 25% Zinfandel, 15% Barbera, 10% Cabernet Dorsa VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock, Hog Canyon, Blind Faith AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: August - November 2017 BOTTLING DATE: December 4, 2019

HARVEST SUGAR: 25.2° brix OAK: French & American

OAK AGE: 16 months ALCOHOL: 14.1%

