

# SIGNORELLO

## ESTATE

### 2017 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION:	100% Napa Valley Estate
BLEND:	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec
BARREL AGING:	18 months in 60% new French oak
TOTAL ACIDITY:	6.5 g/L
PH:	3.86
ALCOHOL:	14.3%
PRODUCTION:	1,595 cases

*Our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon can be called Padrone's favorite son. It inherited Padrone's intense varietal aromas and concentrated flavor. Yet, because the grapes are sourced from several of our younger less rocky parcels with a variety of exposures, clones and soil types, it enjoys a softer tannin structure. This wine boasts full flavors that are intended to be enjoyed over the next 20 years.*

#### TASTING NOTES:

The 2017 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a dense yet expressive wine. Deep ruby red in color, the wine boasts notes of cherries, cassis and chamomile. Flavors of lavender, herbal tea, vanilla and rose petals build up the structure through the mid-palate. The long, lingering finish of espresso, mocha and sage culminates in a striking richness. The wine is drinking wonderfully right now and will continue to develop further nuances with cellar age.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES:

Our fruit, picked in the range of 24.5-26 Brix, was triple sorted before destemming, then fermented with native yeast at 90 degrees in stainless steel tanks and pumped over twice daily. Gently pressed at zero brix and aged for 18 months in 60% new oak from Tronçais, Nevers and Alliers and coopered into thinstaved, medium-plus toast Chateau Ferre barrels by coopers Tarransaud, Saury, Darnajou and Nadalie. To preserve fruit intensity and body, the wine was not fined or filtered prior to bottling.

#### HARVEST:

2017 began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, resulting in extended flowering in some areas with little shatter. Three heat events kicked harvest into high gear, but cool weather immediately after allowed sugar levels to return to normal. Our red grapes were picked over the next few weeks. All our fruit had been picked and was safely in tank or barrels by October 8, the day our winery was consumed by the historic Napa Valley fires.

