

# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## CALIFORNIA RED AND ROSÉ WINES

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### CABERNETS & BLENDS

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**95** **Signorello 2002 Padrone (Napa Valley); \$95.** Signorello's proprietary Bordeaux blend is largely Cabernet Sauvignon, with Merlot and Cabernet Franc. If you're laying down '02s to cellar, this is a very good bet. It's shut down right now, but offers tantalizing hints of black currants and cassis that quickly disappear into a dry, tannic underworld. But the wine has the balance and authoritative class to age well beyond 2010. *Cellar Selection.* —S.H.



Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s

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**2002 Signorello Vineyards Padrone Proprietary Red Wine**

Rating: 90 points

Producer: Signorello Vineyards

From: Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Variety: Proprietary Blend (a dry red table wine)

Drink: 2005-2020

Estimated Cost: \$95.00

Source: *Wine Advocate* #162 (Dec 2005)

Ray Signorello has turned out an attractive 2002 Padrone, a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, and 7% Cabernet Franc. The winery's flagship red, it reveals a dense ruby/purple color as well as a bouquet of smoky wood, black currants, graphite, licorice, and tar. Medium to full-bodied with moderate tannin, outstanding purity and depth, a sense of equilibrium, and a finesse-styled, Bordeaux-like personality, it should drink well for 10-15 years.

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—Robert Parker