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# SIGNORELLO

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## PADRONE

Padrone is produced in honor of Ray Signorello Sr., a visionary whose life was as full of character as our wines. Padrone is a wine that expresses the utmost quality of the Estate. The grapes for this complex proprietary red wine are sourced from two extremely rocky parts of the estate vineyard with yields of only a mere 1.3 tons per acre.



Appellation: 100% Napa Valley Estate  
Blend: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot  
8% Cabernet Franc  
Harvested: September 21 - October 15, 2007  
Brix at Harvest: Between 25.0 and 26.0  
Total Acidity: 0.58  
Ph: 3.78  
Alcohol: 15.3%  
Total Production: 1,880 six-bottle cases

**TASTING NOTES:** The reticent nose opens to cranberry, blackberry, vanilla and unburnt tobacco. The lush full-bodied palate continues with flavors of boysenberry and raspberry. The long lingering finish is accentuated by well integrated tannins. This Cabernet Sauvignon blend will improve in the bottle for the next 20 years.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** Traditional French winemaking practices, native yeast fermentations, extended maceration (each lot averaged 25 days on the grape skins) and pump-over's three times a day. The 2008 vintage, aged for 20 months in 70% new Tronçais, Nevers and Alliers oak (thin-staved, medium-plus toast Chateau Ferre barrels). Tonnelleries: Seguin Moreau, Radoux, and Sylvain-Doreau.

**HARVEST REPORT:** 2007 looks to be a stunning vintage despite a few surprises during the growing season. The year began with dry days and very cold nights. As the spring came upon the Napa Valley, warmer days and only 60% of the normal precipitation resulted in an early bud break. As summer progressed, temperatures rarely passed the 100 degree mark, but it did spike over Labor Day weekend. However, this only helped to boost the sugar development we were looking for to complete the excellent acid structure seen in the grapes.