



SIGNORELLO

ESTATE

2008 PADRONE

ESTATE GROWN AND BOTTLED

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:	Napa Valley - Estate Grown
Blend:	89% Cabernet Sauvignon & 11% Merlot
Harvested:	September 21 through October 13
Brix at Harvest:	Between 25.0 and 26.0
Total Acidity:	0.57
Ph:	3.58
Alcohol:	14.7%
Total Production:	430 six-bottle cases



Tasting Notes: The 2008 Padrone shows deep, expressive aromas of blackberry, mocha, cinnamon and warm earth. On the palate, intense flavors of ripe fruit are structured by beautifully integrated but refined tannins that are wound around a core of deep sweetness, displaying a brooding palate driven by wild berry and earth notes. The wine is rich and vibrant. This Cabernet Sauvignon focused blend will improve in the bottle for the next 14-18 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. To preserve fruit intensity and body, the wine was not filtered prior to bottling on June 28, 2010.

Harvest Report: 2008 looks to be another stunning vintage. The growing season started off with intense storms, receiving 60% of normal rainfall. A cold spring led way to triple digit heat in early summer. A season that was marked by fewer clusters and small berries appeared to be the norm. A week-long warming spell in early September ratcheted up the picking dates but allowed for a perfect end to the season. Overall, the 2008 crop will have lower yields, but will be excellent in quality.