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SIGNORELLO	2008	PADRONE PROPRIETARY RED	NAPA	RED	93+
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SIGNORELLO	2008	CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE	NAPA	RED	90+
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SIGNORELLO	2008	CHARDONNAY HOPE'S CUVÉE	NAPA	WHITE	93
SIGNORELLO	2008	CHARDONNAY VIEILLES VIGNES ESTATE	NAPA	WHITE	92
SIGNORELLO	2008	SYRAH ESTATE	NAPA	RED	92

From his winery just off the Silverado Trail in southern Napa Valley, Ray Signorello has fashioned two more brilliant Chardonnays. The **2008 Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes Estate** is one of those rare California Chardonnays that come from vines nearly 30 years of age. Exotic, restrained but authoritative scents of nectarines, tangerines and orange blossoms emerge from this light straw/gold colored wine. Full-bodied with zesty acidity, lots of minerality and a rare intensity in the mid-palate, this impressive, structured Chardonnay's framework is reminiscent of a red wine's. It should drink nicely for at least 3-4 years, possibly a decade given its singular style. The wood is completely hidden by the wealth of fruit intensity. The **2008 Chardonnay Hope's Cuvée** is a microscopic blend of the top three barrels that is bottled as an homage to the memory of Ray Signorello's mother, Hope. It reveals a similar straw/gold color as well as intense aromas of apricots, white peaches and nectarines, great acidity and minerality, full body and an intense inner core that suggests some cellaring will be beneficial. This cuvee suggests a hypothetical cross between a grand cru white Burgundy and the more tropical, ripe fruit obtained in Napa Valley. Drink it over the next 4-5 years although my instincts suggest it will last much longer. The **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate** comes from a vineyard planted in 1990 on the hillside of Silverado Trail. A blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Merlot aged 20 months in French Oak, it exhibits a deep plum/garnet/purple color as well as a promising nose of charcoal, scorched earth and black currants. Young, rich, full-bodied and dense, it is approachable now, but will be better in 2-3 years and keep for 15-20. Composed of 80%

Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc, the **2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate** reveals a slightly more evolved looking dark garnet/plum color and a more fragrant, open knit bouquet of black currants, black cherries, incense and loamy soil undertones. Fleshy and exuberant with a more evolved personality than the 2008, this medium to full-bodied, elegant yet authoritative 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon can be enjoyed over the next 15 years. Signorello's flagship wine, the **2008 Padrone Proprietary Red**, is a blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Merlot. Its dense ruby/purple color is accompanied by a more projected and intense aromatic profile consisting of charcoal, forest floor, underbrush, black currants and plums. Full-bodied, rich, dense and concentrated, it seems more approachable than the Cabernet Sauvignon, but there is also much more to it. The big, promising red will be better in 3-5 years and should last for two decades. The **2007 Padrone Proprietary Red** (84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc) offers up gorgeous aromas of incense, crème de cassis, multidimensional, this may be the finest red wine I have ever tasted from Ray Signorello. It still has some tannins to resolve and the finish is 40-seconds long. Cellar it for 3-4 years and drink it over the following 20-25. Lastly, the **2008 Syrah Estate**, which includes 3% Viognier, possesses a dense purple color in addition to a classic nose of roasted meats, blackberries, cassis and a hint of soil-like notes that no doubt come from the Viognier component. Supple textured, generous and seductive, this fleshy Syrah should drink well for 7-8 years.

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