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PADRONE

Padrone is dedicated to Ray Signorello Sr., a visionary whose dreams came to a reality in our wines at Signorello, and whose life was as full of character as our wines. Padrone is a wine that expresses the quality and dignity of Signorello vineyards and is a fitting tribute to the life of Raymond Signorello Sr. Our stunning hillside vineyard along Silverado Trail provides a variety of exposures allowing us to create wines with increased complexity. The grapes for this proprietary red wine "PADRONE" are sourced from two extremely rocky parts of our estate vineyard with yields of only a mere 1.3 tons per acre.



Appellation: 100% Napa Valley Estate
Blend: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc
Harvested: October 19 - October 30, 2006
Brix at Harvest: Between 25.8 and 26.5
Total Acidity: 0.58
Ph: 3.85
Alcohol: 14.3%
Total Production: 1,275 six-bottle cases

Tasting Notes: The reticent nose opens to cranberry, blackberry, vanilla, un-burnt tobacco and hints of liquorish. The lush full-bodied palate continues with flavors of boysenberry, raspberry and hints of vanilla. The long and lingering finish is accentuated by the young integrated tannins. A wine to lay down and improve in the bottle for the next 20 years.

Winemaking Notes: Our Estate program follows traditional French winemaking practices. Native yeasts induce fermentation. Techniques include the use of extended maceration (each lot averaged 25 days on the grape skins) and frequent pumping-over (three times a day). The 2005 vintage, aged for 21 months in 70% new Tronçais, Nevers and Alliers oak (thin-staved, medium-plus toast Chateau Ferre barrels). Tonnelleries: Seguin Moreau, Radoux, and Sylvain-Doreau. Barrels were topped monthly and racked every 6 months. To preserve fruit intensity and body, the wine was not filtered prior to bottling on August 7, 2008.

Harvest Report: After a year that kept grape growers on their toes, vintners and winemakers breathed a sigh of relief as the 2006 harvest closed. Flooding kicked off the New Year in Napa Valley, which made for great TV footage, but did little damage to the dormant vines, as cover crops stabilized soils in the vineyards. In mid July, a record-setting heat wave lasted about ten days, but with the crops a few weeks behind, damage was almost nil. According to Pierre Birebent, the overall quality of 2006 looks outstanding and should be an excellent vintage.