



## 2001 PADRONE

**77% Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**13% Napa Valley Merlot**  
**10% Napa Valley Cabernet Franc**  
**Harvested at 26 Brix**  
**14.2 % Alcohol**  
**0.53 TA/3.78 pH**  
**568 Six Packs Produced**  
**Release Date: September 1, 2004**

**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.

**HARVEST NOTES:** The 2001 Napa Valley growing season was a little turbulent, with an early spring, a surprise frost and early heat spikes, but as the grapes came in, the harvest appeared to be running smoothly. A mild winter with very low rainfall proceeded the spring growing season, which moved at an accelerated pace due to early warm temperatures. Vineyards experienced one of the quickest flowering periods on record, with even flowering and set occurring across the board. Yields averaged 1.6 tons/acre in 2001.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** : Our Estate program follows traditional French winemaking practices. Native yeasts induce fermentation. Techniques include the use of extended maceration (each lot averaged 30 days on the grape skins) and frequent pumping-over (three times a day). The 2001 vintage aged for 23 months in 76% 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 December 3, 2003.

**TASTING NOTES:** The reticent nose opens to black currant, vanilla and hints of cedar. The lush full-bodied palate continues with flavors of ripe cassia, vanilla and hints of tobacco. The long and intense finish is accentuated by the young velvety tannins. A wine to lay down and improve in the bottle for the next 20 years.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Our estate vineyards on the Napa Valley hillsides east of the Silverado Trail provided the grapes. A variety of exposures increased the wine's complexity. Western Slopes: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, Eastern slopes: Cabernet Franc and a second Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard. Crop level and vine growth were closely monitored to achieve balance and intensify fruit character. The vineyards are densely planted 1240 vine per acre and vertically trellised. 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 one ton per acre.

4500 Silverado Trail,  
Napa Valley, California 94558  
Phone 707 255 5990 Fax 707 255 5999  
Email: [info@signorellowines@aol.com](mailto:info@signorellowines@aol.com) website: [www.signorellovineyards.com](http://www.signorellovineyards.com)