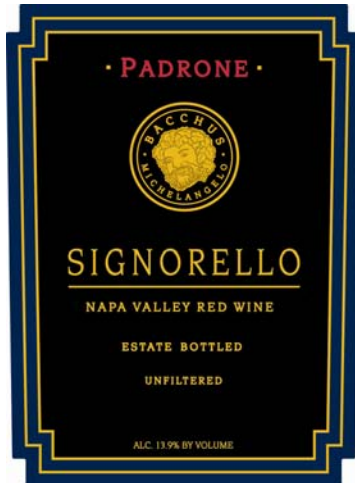


SIGNORELLO

VINEYARDS

2004 PADRONE



APPELLATION:	100% NAPA VALLEY ESTATE
BLEND:	82% NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 12.5% NAPA VALLEY MERLOT 5.5% NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC
BRIX AT HARVEST:	25.5
TOTAL ACIDITY:	0.66
PH:	3.3
HARVESTED:	OCTOBER 1 – 7, 2004
ALCOHOL:	14.2 %
TOTAL PRODUCTION:	642 CASES

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.

2004 HARVEST NOTES: Winemakers are predicting a memorable vintage for 2004 with fruit that bears the imprint of an early spring and a slow and steady ripening period that ended with a fast, hot finish several weeks ahead of traditional harvest times. A warm consistent summer was bracketed by an early spring bud break and several late summer hot spells, creating growing conditions that allowed for one of the earliest harvest periods in almost a decade. Some varieties showed a lower yield than expected producing fruit quality that looked very good!

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 2004 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.

TASTING NOTES: The reticent nose opens to black cherry, vanilla and hints of plum. The lush full-bodied palate continues with flavors of ripe cassis, vanilla and hints of eucalyptus. 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.

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 with 1240 vines per acre and are 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 1.3 tons per acre.

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