

La Storia

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2020



It would be easy to say that 2020 grape harvest season was challenging but that would be a great understatement. Between the fires, the smoke and COVID-19 safety guidelines, stress levels were at all-time high for all winemakers throughout the West Coast. I have 20 harvests at Trentadue (30 total in California) under my belt, but this one was absolutely the most challenging vintage of my career (the previous was 2019). The vintage started early and finished earlier than usual. We harvested most Zinfandel blocks and some Petite Sirah before the Labor Day heatwave but all the Bordeaux variety grapes still had weeks to ripen on the vine so we gave them the time to recover knowing that we may have a problem with the smoke from the fires. Alexander Valley, where all of our Estate is located, was relatively far from all fires this year. In short-we are glad the vintage is over, and the wines are safe in the barrels. So far none of the wines show any unusual taste or smell, as a matter of fact due to the small crop, the wines are very concentrated and lush.

The grapes for our 2020 Cabernet were harvested on September 12 and September 28th, almost a month earlier than the 2019 vintage. After destemming and cold soaking for 3 days the grapes were fermented using native and “designer” yeast for average of 10 days. Post fermentation all lots were put through extended maceration for an average of 22 days. The wine was aged for 18 months in 28% new French Oak barrels and the rest in neutral oak barrels.

Our 2020 La Storia Cab has a dense ruby-purple color followed by abundant varietal aromas and flavors of blueberries, blackberry, and black licorice with hint of herbs and ripe olives. The French oak aging contributes aromas of vanilla, cocoa dust and slight toast. The mouth feel is medium dense, fresh and juicy with balanced acidity and very soft tannins for a young wine. Although drinkable now, this wine will continue to improve for 5-7 years for those who have the patience.

MIRO TCHOLAKOV

Cheers!

### TECHNICAL NOTES

<b>VARIETAL</b>	<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>AGING</b>
76 % Cabernet Sauvignon	2511 Cases	18 months in 28 % new French Oak
14 % Merlot	<b>BOTTLED</b>	100% barrel aged
6% Malbec	March, 2022	
3% Montepulciano	<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	<b>ALCOHOL</b>
1% Zinfandel	April 2022	14.5%
<b>APPELLATION</b>		<b>RESIDUAL</b>
Alexander Valley		SUGAR 0.4%
<b>WINEMAKER</b>		pH
Miro Tcholakov		3.57
		<b>TOTAL ACID</b>
		.59g/100ml