



Fratelli Perata Winery

2005 Tre Sorelle, Estate

This our premier blend, based on Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva (our best Cab), Merlot and Cabernet Franc. These are all varieties originally from SW France, the Bordeaux region, and thus we often refer to this as a traditional Bordeaux blend. Here at Fratelli Perata, the blend is improved by the massive Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, then rounded by the Cabernet Franc. The Tre Sorelle has a long finish, with the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc in French oak barrels. It has a big structure as our Merlots are concentrated wines put in new American oak.

Tre Sorelle is named to honor our daughters, who were born here after we planted the grapevines, but before the winery was licensed in 1987. They have grown up with this lifestyle, contributing to the business and the enjoyment of the winery and vineyard. While we cannot state which wine of the blend represents which daughter, as a group they are very dynamic, as is the wine. This perennial favorite will age well, as its tannins present when opened at this stage. But, with a modicum of salt and a BBQ, it's really great right now. See Beth Oliver's Santa Maria Style Spice Rub. It's a great combo.

Method: the individual wines were barrel aged until mature, tasted to choose the best of each variety, then blended in a tank resulting in a 50% Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva, 33% Merlot, and 17% Cabernet Franc blend.

Alcohol 14.2%
Bottled May 9, 2009
Production 264 cases