



Fratelli Perata Winery

2006 Mafalda, Estate

When it's a family winery, making about 2000 cases annually, you have to learn about family politics. Mama, Mafalda Perata, was small in stature but a dynamic personality in her own way. She held traditions close, had an infectious laugh, cooked as easily as breathing, loved her family and just about everyone else in the world. She always had a jar of dried porcini mushrooms in the kitchen. Often her meals had the earthy element from the mushrooms that pair so well with Cabernet Franc. She loved the aged Merlots but rarely would let us open one for her: too valuable, she said. Well so was she. We were delighted to make a blend that met with her approval, and hope she looks down on us with a smile as each vintage is released and enjoyed by all. Pair this with Mafalda's Pasta.

Method: Each wine, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petite Verdot barrel aged until blended prior to bottling. We used 66% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot. Yes, this year the percentages add up to 100.

Alcohol 13.8%

Bottling September 3, 2009

Production 146 cases, wish we had more