



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **Fratelli Perata 2008 Tre Sorelle, Estate**

Three daughters were born to Gino and Carol Perata, after the vineyard was planted but before the winery started. Actually, Joanne was born as Gino was pressing his first commercial wine. He met mother and new daughter at the hospital later, when he had finished with the wine. Since the girls have been such an integral part of the winery, they naturally expected a wine to be named in their honor. Popular since the first release in 1997, we present Tre Sorelle, or from the Italian, Three Sisters.

This 2008 release again shows off the power of blending. The winemaker is talking to you when he makes a blend. The original proportions were tweaked this vintage as Cathy and Gino tasted the component wines. The Cabernet Franc is held in check a little and the Cabernet Sauvignon was given a bigger share of the load. The 2008 vintage overall shows more fruit and less heaviness when compared with the 2007 vintage. It's not a bomb in your mouth. It will need a little time out of the barrel to reach its best balance of fruit, oak, acid and tannin. We love new French oak barrels because they always give us a lingering finish. Let this age and you'll see what we mean. Of course, the big However remains. If you must drink soon, it paired rather well with the Gnocchi served with Mama's Pork and Mushroom Sauce. A little heavy on the sausage in that recipe makes it work even better.

<b>Blend</b>	62% Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva, 25% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.2%
<b>Bottled</b>	July 31, 2012
<b>Production</b>	179 cases
<b>Aging</b>	Best Nov, 2013 to Nov, 2020.