



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **Fratelli Perata Estate 2009 Tre Sorelle**

Here's our Bordeaux-style blend named in honor of Gino and Carol's three daughters. They were all born here on the vineyard property between when we planted the first vines in 1980 and our first crush in 1987, the year Joanne arrived. This blend is created from the three most popular Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. Since the blend is named for the three sisters, much care is taken to perfect the flavors each year. Every barrel of each varietal is tasted and the characteristics of each are examined. When selecting the barrels, we look for acid balance, tannin structure, and the flavor profile. While there is an ideal we have for this blend, each year presents different possibilities and as such we take each year as it is and make the best blend we can that year. The 2009 vintage was practically the ideal we had when thinking of the Tre Sorelle blend. It has huge tannin, good acid and excellent flavor. There were many worthy barrels to choose from and it was very difficult. We think you'll enjoy this blend as much as we enjoyed creating it. You will love it with Braciolo.

Harvested: mid-September through mid-October

Technique: a blend of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, and 14% Cabernet Franc, aged separately and specially selected for this blend

Alcohol: 14.6%

Bottled: June 20th, 2013

Production: 158 cases

Aging: While drinking wonderfully now, it requires a love of tannin. Drink now if you like tannins or age through 2025, due to its base of Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva