



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **Fratelli Perata 2010 Tre Sorelle, Estate**

We have made this Bordeaux styled blend since 1997. It honors our 3 daughters who were born and reared on this property and have become the next generation at Fratelli Perata Winery. Cathy, as assistant-almost winemaker, and Joanne, accountant and wineclub manager are here daily. Oldest sister Julie is a visiting engineer. If you are lucky, you may see her in the tasting room this Fall 2014. We are proud to name this wine for the young women who will take over the winery. We think this vintage shows great promise. The barrels used in the blend are chosen at 1.5 years from vintage. The final proportions are decided after the wines have matured, about 2 months before bottling. The chosen wine is blended together into a tank and is then bottled. This vintage will follow previous 2010 releases, being flavorful with ripe fruit, but not powerhouses of tannin like the 2009. As is amusingly the case, the 2008 and 2010 are similar, while the 2007 and 2009 are similar. All will do with a visit to the dinner table, especially with filet mignon and Orecchiette with spinach and mushrooms.

Blend: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva, 33% Merlot, and 12% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 13.9 %

Bottled: September 2, 2013

Production: 206 cases

Aging: Seemingly soft enough to drink soon, with proper aeration, but the wine will continue to improve well into 2017 or 2020. Would drink it before the 2009 vintage, but don't be afraid to lose it in the cellar for 10 years.