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*Cosa Obra celebrates the artistic nature of winemaking by focusing on small vineyard parcels and blending the resulting lots to create wines of seduction, power and grace.*

## 2010 Proprietor's Blend

### **Vintage**

The 2010 season started with low temperatures in the spring, which led to a late bud break. Frost and cool fog during bloom kept yields low. The season progressed quickly with warm weather through July and August and encouraging rapid veraison (color change). With the weather up and down through the Fall, harvest was pushed back due to rain in late October. As a result, the fruit was picked lower in Brix, but with nice flavors.

### **Vineyards**

Our fruit was sourced from many of the best blocks of Syrah and Grenache from Ray Teldeschi Vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley, and Greywacke Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. Yields were maintained at lower levels for increased quality, ranging from 1.5 to 2.5 tons/acre.

### **Winemaking**

Grapes were picked in the darkness of the early morning hours, and immediately subjected to rigorous hand sorting and refinement process. The whole berries were gently delivered to tank. Cold soaks lasted five to seven days, and fermentations were managed via a combination of delestage and pumpovers. Extended maceration ranging from three to four weeks fine-tuned our tannin profiles, allowing us to perfect mouth feel and wine complexity. The wine was aged 20 months in 100% French oak, 40% of which was new.

### **Winemaker Tasting Notes**

The 2010 Cosa Obra Proprietary Red offers a heady nose of blackberry, blueberry, black pepper and a hint of earth, reminiscent of Northern Rhône. Impressively rich, yet balanced and structured, this wine showcases intense dark and red fruit with a long finish of berries and spice.

### **Analysis**

Appellation: Sonoma County

Vineyards: Ray Teldeschi (Dry Creek Valley), Greywacke (Russian River Valley)

Varietal Composition: 85% Syrah, 15% Grenache

Aging: 20 Months in 100% French Oak, 40% New

pH: 3.74

TA: 5.7 g/L

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottled: April 2012