

KINSELLA ESTATES

Kinsella Estates is an organically farmed vineyard situated in a private valley in the foothills of the western edge of Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley. Elevated 500 feet above the Russian River, the valley enjoys a warm climate that virtually never sees winter frost. The hills even harbor occasional citrus trees. The East-West running valley is planted with 12 acres of cabernet sauvignon vines on the steep eastern hillsides composed of loamy, metamorphic soil. The valley drains a large watershed where a winter stream rapidly fills up Spencer Lake which provides irrigation water in summer.

The Kinsella Estates vineyard is composed of three blocs: The Heirloom Vineyard, a steep-sloping two acre, 18 year old parcel, wedged in between an arroyo and a knoll of Spanish oaks; the six acre Jersey Boys Vineyard and the four acre lakeside Spencer Vineyard. The arroyo that runs between Jersey Boys and Spencer vineyards feeds the lake, with winter rains. In the summer of 2008, the latter two blocs were ripped out and replanted with four different clones of cabernet sauvignon, handpicked by our winemaker, Thomas Rivers Brown. Also, two thirds of an acre of Wente clone zinfandel was planted, as well as eight rows of petit verdot. All Kinsella Estates wines are produced from organically grown grapes, grown without pesticides or herbicides.

VINEYARD:

Heirloom Vineyard

(formerly Tamara Vineyard)

WINEMAKER:

Thomas Rivers Brown

APPELLATION:

Dry Creek Valley

Sonoma County

RELEASE DATE:

March 7, 2017

HARVEST DATE:

October 7, 2014

ALCOHOL:

14.7%

PRODUCTION:

190 cases



2014 HEIRLOOM VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



*100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon
190 cases produced*

“While it was the third consecutive year marked by limited rainfall, the 2014 vintage offered a perfectly temperate growing season characterized by long, moderate days and cool, clear nights. We began the year with warm spring conditions that gave way to an early budbreak and the consistent, dry weather afforded an optimal fruit set of small berries with incredible concentration. Crop yields were down a bit from 2013, but the quality was magnificent. It was a textbook growing season, every winemaker’s dream.”

- Winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown

“Another fabulous wine... It offers an opaque purple color, a beautiful sweet nose of lead pencil shavings, blueberry and blackberry liqueur, the sucrosity and a fleshiness that is more akin to 2015 than 2014. A mid-palate core of fruit is impressive, purity is present, and the overall richness and equilibrium of this big, rich, full-throttle Cabernet Sauvignon is undeniable...”

-96 points, Robert M. Parker, *The Wine Advocate*