

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 blocks: The Heirloom Vineyard, a steep-sloping two acre, 19 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 blocks 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
WINEMAKER:	Thomas Rivers Brown
VARIETAL:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION:	Dry Creek Valley Sonoma County
RELEASE DATE:	February 27, 2018
HARVEST DATE:	September 22, 2015
ALCOHOL:	14.7%
PRODUCTION:	115 cases



2015 HEIRLOOM VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



This constant “fan favorite” certainly doesn’t let us down for the 2015 vintage! With the 2015 yields leading to the smallest vintage in our heritage vineyard’s history, it certainly doesn’t skimp on quality. Aromas of violet, lavender and cedar start you down the path to a luscious, smooth and feminine 100% cabernet. Black fruits lead the charge here with a level of sucrosity that shockingly surpasses the 2014. One phrase keeps coming back to us, “Liquid velvet!”

Vintage Notes

From one of the earliest seasons on record and a fourth year of drought, the quality is high across the board. A mild winter caused early bud break, followed by a much longer bloom contributing to smaller grape clusters which led itself to a 20% reduction in crop size. An intense, compacted harvest began the first week of September and finished with a bang just six weeks later. The early and quick start was due to an unusually warm Spring that contributed to early vine development. Once again, we feel blessed with a 3rd straight vintage of astonishing quality. The only wish for the 2015 vintage would be for more fruit!

“This estate remains somewhat under the radar, but the high quality emanating from their vineyards in Dry Creek merits serious attention.”

– Robert M. Parker, *The Wine Advocate*