

# KIVEL STADT CELLARS

## **2012 The Inheritance – Estate Syrah**

**AVA:** Sonoma Valley

**Case production:** 250

**Bottling date:** July 2014

**Release date:** October 2015

### **Winemaker's notes**

Our flagship wine, produced from the Durrell clone on the western slope of our organically farmed estate vineyard, this block of Syrah consistently produces the highest quality fruit on the property. We co-ferment 1% Viognier from a small block adjacent to the Durrell Syrah block.

Cool climate and steep bowl shaped slopes yield a concentrated product marked by pepper, smoke, a gamey meatiness with an intense core of dark fruit. Native yeasts ferment this wine after a 3 day cold soak in an open top fermenter with 30% whole clusters, it is then pressed to barrel (30% new French Oak) for 20 months of élevage. It is unfiltered.

### **Vineyard Source**

Kivelstadt Vineyard – Syrah – Sonoma Valley (Santa Rosa) – Organically farmed, planted in 1997, Alban, Syrah Noir, Bien Nacido clones. Situated at the intersection of Sonoma Valley, Bennett Valley and Sonoma Mountain AVAs, Kivelstadt Vineyard grows classic cool climate Syrah in volcanic soils with crop yields around 2.5 tons/acre.