

KIVEL STADT CELLARS

2013 The Inheritance – Estate Syrah

AVA: Sonoma Valley

Case production: 250

Bottling date: June 2015

Release date: October 2016

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. The steep slope provides maximum drainage yielding fruit of unparalleled depth and concentration. We co-ferment a small amount of Viognier from a small adjacent block. The wine is fermented with native yeast after a short cold soak in an open top fermenter. We use 30% whole clusters and 30% new French Oak puncheons for 18 months of élevage. It is bottled unfinned and 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. The cool air flows in through Bennett Valley and stops on the backside of Sonoma Mountain. The cool air settles right in our vineyard and provides long foggy mornings which extend the growing season.