

KIVEL STADT CELLARS

2012 Father's Watch – Red Blend

AVA: Sonoma County

Case production: 800

Bottling date: March 2014

Winemaker's notes

A red Rhone style blend based on the family Syrah. 60% estate grown Syrah, 20% Mourvedre 10% 140-year-old-vine Carignane, and 10% Grenache. Each lot is fermented separately, racked together after 4 months and returned to barrel, blended for another 12 months to promote integration of the wine. A total of 16 months in barrel, 10% new French oak.

Vineyard Sources

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 which brings the structure, spice and smokey characteristics to this wine. 10% whole cluster, 15% new French oak.

Lovett Vineyard – Mourvedre – Lake County (Kelseyville) – Sustainably farmed, steep hillside vineyard with north east facing slopes, planted in 2005 located on the southern edge of Clear Lake, this vineyard is adjacent to Mount Konocti, a dormant volcano making Clear Lake the largest geothermal area in North America and a desirable region in which to grow high quality wine grapes. Destemmed and fermented in neutral French oak.

Cooley Ranch – Carignane – Alexander Valley (Cloverdale) – Sustainably farmed, head trained and dry farmed, these gnarley old Carignane vines were planted at the Cooley ranch in 1870. Yielding approximately one grape per vine, we're lucky to get any fruit off of our 1.5 acre block. The result is incredibly complex and concentrated fruit which is de-stemmed and fermented with the native yeasts – 16 months in neutral French oak.

Sawyer Vineyard – Mendocino – The vineyard is situated above Ukiah at just under 1000 feet elevation. This gentle slopes face southwest and are planted to the Tablas Creek clone of Grenache.