

KIVEL STADT CELLARS

2014 Father's Watch – Red Blend

AVA: Sonoma County

Case production: 1,600

Bottling date: April 2015

Winemaker's notes

A red Rhone style blend based on the estate grown Syrah. 50% estate grown Syrah, 25% Carignane, and 25% Grenache. Each lot is fermented separately, racked together after 4 months and returned to barrel together 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 smoky characteristics to this wine. 20% whole cluster, 10% new French oak.

Venturi Vineyard – Grenache and Carignane – Mendocino (Ukiah) – Potter Valley – 1,200 ft elevation. Larry Venturi has been farming the ranch his Grandfathers planted since he was a child. The 75 year old Carignane and Grenache vines are head pruned. The ranch is certified organic and entirely dry farmed. The Carignane and Grenache bring high tone fruit, approachability and energy to balance out the darker, earthier Syrah in the blend.