

ESTATE GROWN

KAMEN

2008

Cabernet Sauvignon

SONOMA VALLEY

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

In 2008, Kamen Estate Vineyards experienced an extremely cold, dry spring with a small amount of frost, which is unusual for our location in the southern Mayacamas Mountains. The cool early season gave way to warm, dry and windy growing conditions, which led to the moderate growth of beautiful small berries. In mid-August, our vineyard team thinned the fruit to encourage better ripening and further development of mature flavors. The grapes ripened quickly with the late August heat spell, giving us beautiful full fruit characteristics. Harvest began in late September and we continued hand picking our fruit in moderate weather until the third week of October. This 2008 vintage is a classic example of Kamen Estate's naturally balanced acidity and bold tannins, which are integrated with deep, ripe flavors. The result is a wine that is concentrated, developed and complex with amazing structure.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Our 2008 Estate Cabernet begins with a great depth of color and offers aromas of anise, black currants, sweet black plum, graphite and new suede with a subtle perfumed aroma of violets. The wine offers a full, up front palate of blue fruit, black raspberries, mocha, baking spice and wet stone. It is rich and powerful yet seamlessly balanced throughout its persistent finish.