



Kashmir Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Winegrowing Information

Our Kamen Kashmir Cuvée has been established after many years of working with the Cabernet from the very rocky soils of Kamen Estate Vineyards. We have carefully chosen certain blocks that exhibit a distinctive character from the rest of the vineyard. In select vintages, the cuvée made from the thoughtful blending of these individual lots produces a very special wine where the whole exceeds the quality of its individual parts.

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. Through our diligence in the vineyard and quality winemaking, we have created a world class wine showcased in our Kamen Estate Kashmir Cuvée.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Kashmir boasts a beautiful deep garnet hue and offers abundant aromatics of warm raspberry pie, kirsch, exotic spice, warm cocoa and violets. This elegant wine explodes on the palate with a velvety texture, and is layered with notes of blackberry, currants, sweet oak and tobacco. The wine is a seamless balance of delicacy and richness with vibrant acidity, smooth tannins and a persistent finish.

Grape Source

100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon at elevations of 1100' to 1450'

Selected blocks from Kamen Estate Vineyards

Sonoma Valley, Certified Organic & Biodynamic Vineyards

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.6%

Production: 190 cases

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