

KAMEN  
ESTATE WINES

Ripe fruit. Low yields. High quality.



# THE 2010 KASHMIR CUVÉE

The 2010 growing season was long and temperate, allowing the grapes extended time on the vine. Because of this, layered and complex flavors developed fully; producing an elegant and classic expression of our mountain grown Cabernet.

2010 marks our thirtieth year of winegrowing and the fifth vintage of our Kashmir cuvée. This small production reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is composed from select blocks of our vineyard. These special lots are determined by our winemaker, Mark Herold, and crafted only in the best years. Kashmir is a unique expression of Kamen Estate Wines and a notable addition to any cellar. Only 175 cases of this vintage were produced.

— ROBERT MARK KAMEN





#### WINEGROWING INFORMATION

2010 was a long, cool vintage resulting in extended hang time for the grapes. The temperate weather allowed for slow, measured development of flavors and tannins; yielding balanced, structured, complex wines. Our harvest extended over a three week period. The key components which go into creating the Kashmir cuvée were hand harvested, block by block. The grapes were picked at full maturity with an intense ripe fruit component without high sugar content, showcasing a great balance of fruit flavors and fresh acidity. The result is a wine that is aromatic, concentrated and developed. In select vintages, the cuvée made from the thoughtful blending of these individual sites produces a unique wine where the whole exceeds the quality of its individual parts.

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine begins with saturated inky tones in the glass and leads to explosive aromas of black fruits, mountain berries, crème de cassis, violets, crushed rock, graphite, anise and exotic spice box. The rich, seamless palate is powerful yet elegant. Intense layered flavors of black fruits, roasted nuts, cherries and spice are framed by our vineyard's hallmark minerality. The fine toothed tannins lead to a persistent, glorious finish. The 2010 Kashmir cuvée is a wine that can be cellared and enjoyed over the next 25 years.

#### ACCOLADES

“The 2010 Kashmir flirts with perfection. A remarkable effort, and one of the finest Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignons I have tasted, this inky/purple-colored 2010 offers up notes of crème de cassis, licorice, truffles, blackberries and black currants. Possessing amazing length and texture, terrific purity and overall personality, this stunning wine should age effortlessly for 20+ years. However, don't get too excited as there are only 175 cases of this beauty.

Some terrific Cabernet Sauvignons are emerging from Sonoma, and Kamen Estate's 2009 and 2010 Cabernets both merit attention, especially from readers who believe Napa makes the only great California Cabernet Sauvignons. The two luxury cuvées, made, I assume, from the best barrels, include the 2009 and 2010 Kashmir, both of which are profound examples of Cabernet Sauvignon that could rival the finest from Napa in a blind tasting.” —*Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, Issue #210, December 2013*

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#### Vineyard Information

100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon at elevations of 1100–1450 ft.  
Sonoma Valley, Certified Organic & Biodynamic Vineyards

#### Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%  
Production: 175 cases  
Release Date: February 2014

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#### Kamen Estate Wines

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