

Winegrowing Information

Our Kamen Kashmir Cuvee comes after many years of working with the Cabernet from the very rocky soils of Kamen Estate Vineyards and observing that in some years, there are certain blocks that exhibit a uniquely different character from the rest of the vineyard. In select vintages, the cuvee made from the thoughtful blending of these individual lots produces a very special wine where, the whole exceeds the quality of its individual parts. Followed by an exceptionally cold Spring, the 2007 growing season began with twenty days of frost on the valley floor. Warmer trends prevailed in the hills where our vines began bloom on May 21st and extended through May 27th. Once the growth cycle was underway, the vines displayed ample canopy and well formed clusters with small focused berries affected by very little shatter. In contrast to past years, there were no heat spikes through the summer, which resulted in a steady, even ripening throughout the season, producing fruit with concentrated robust, balanced flavors and great structure. Fruit was dropped when the vineyard reached 85% veraison on August 10th, and again on August 25th, leaving only fully ripened clusters on the vines in all the blocks. Harvest began on September 28th, and because the weather remained nearly constant, with warm days, and cool evenings, we were able to provide the fruit with the extended hang time needed to achieve optimum ripeness. Because of the near perfect weather, harvest was extended over a month, the last fruit being taken into the winery on October 23rd.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Kashmir is a dense, deeply hued wine with powerful aromatic elements of roasted black fruits, graphite, leather and blueberry jam backed by layered notes of violets, sage, raspberry and wet stone. This wine offers a lush mouthfeel of rich, concentrated blue fruit and chocolate possessing an opulent and structured mid-palate. The tannins are seamless and sing through an expansive finish showcasing the purity of this terroir driven wine. Kashmir will drink effortlessly over the next two decades.

Grape Source

Sonoma Valley, Certified Organic Vineyards
100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon at elevations of 1100' to
1450'
Selected blocks from Kamen Estate Vineyards

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.8%
Production: 60 cases
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