KAMEN ESTATE WINES

2009 Syrah

Winegrowing Information:

2009 began with a warm and dry early spring. The season gave way to consistent growing conditions without any drastic variations. We saw a beautiful, warm vintage in our high elevation mountain vineyard with an extended spell of warm temperatures through September. With forecasts of rain, we hand harvested each of our blocks separately bringing in all of our Syrah before the second week of October.

The beauty of Kamen Estate Syrah begins with the complex planting of this varietal on our vineyard. The grapes are grown on three one acre blocks each differing in elevation and exposure. The highest block is at 1400' with a south-eastern exposure. The middle block rests at 1200' elevation with due south exposure. The third and lowest block is at 1100' with north-western exposure. Three blocks, four clones, four distinct flavor profiles; when blended, the wine offers a unique expression of Kamen Estate terroir. In the case of our 2009 harvest, this Syrah showcases a great balance of ripe fruit flavors and fresh acidity. Our yields are under 1.5 tons per acre resulting in a limited production of 100 cases.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

2009 is an elegant expression of mountain grown Syrah. It is medium to full bodied, loaded with wild raspberry, exotic spice box, floral and savory notes. We strive to allow our Syrah to be an expression of our vineyard site rather than a pre-determined style. With that approach this wine always excites us with its layers, depth of character and bold personality. The focused fruit flavors coupled with a stony minerality offer a wine with supple, structured tannins and a long, complex finish. Enjoy this wine now and over the next 10-15 years.

Grape Source 100% Estate Grown Syrah at elevations of 1100' to 1450' Sonoma Valley, Certified Organic & Biodynamic Vineyards Production and Technical Data Alcohol: 14.7% Production: 100 cases Release Date: April 2012 Winery- 21692 Eighth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476 - 707.933.1700 Tasting Room - 111B East Napa Street, Sonoma, CA 95476 - 707.938.7695