

KINSELLA ESTATES

Kinsella Estates is an organically farmed vineyard situated in a private valley in the foothills of the western edge of Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley. Elevated 500 feet above the Russian River, the valley enjoys a warm climate that virtually never sees winter frost. The hills even harbor occasional citrus trees. The East-West running valley is planted with 12 acres of cabernet sauvignon vines on the steep eastern hillsides composed of loamy, metamorphic soil. The valley drains a large watershed where a winter stream rapidly fills up Spencer Lake, which provides irrigation water in summer.

The Kinsella Estates vineyard is composed of three blocks: The Heirloom Vineyard, a steep-sloping two acre, 21 year old parcel, wedged in between an arroyo and a knoll of Spanish oaks; the six acre Jersey Boys Vineyard and the four acre lakeside Spencer Vineyard. The arroyo that runs between Jersey Boys and Spencer vineyards feeds the lake, with winter rains. In the summer of 2008, the latter two blocks were ripped out and replanted with four different clones of cabernet sauvignon, handpicked by our winemaker, Thomas Rivers Brown. Also, two thirds of an acre of Wente clone zinfandel was planted, as well as eight rows of petit verdot. All Kinsella Estates wines are produced from organically grown grapes, grown without pesticides or herbicides.

VINEYARD:	Heirloom Vineyard
WINEMAKER:	Thomas Rivers Brown
VARIETAL:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION:	Dry Creek Valley Sonoma County
RELEASE DATE:	February 12, 2020
HARVEST DATE:	September 21, 2017
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PRODUCTION:	176 cases



2017 HEIRLOOM VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Tasting Notes

The oldest vineyard on the Estate, this luxurious wine never ceases to amaze us every year. Blue/black fruits, smoke and violets with the ever-apparent level of sucrosity that has become a touchstone for this vineyard.

“This estate remains somewhat under the radar, but the high quality emanating from their vineyards in Dry Creek merits serious attention.”

– Robert M. Parker, *The Wine Advocate*