

# 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, 20 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.

<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Heirloom Vineyard
<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Thomas Rivers Brown
<b>VARIETAL:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Dry Creek Valley Sonoma County
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	February 12, 2019
<b>HARVEST DATE:</b>	October 6, 2016
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.7%
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>	162 cases



## 2016 HEIRLOOM VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



### Tasting Notes

Intense was the first word that came to mind. Purely focused tannin weaves its way through the core of this wine. Has a savory characteristic that we have found in past vintages (2014 to be specific) with a slight licorice note on the exceptionally long finish. While this vineyard has been described as “feminine” in the past, that is certainly not the case for this bigger, bolder vintage!!

*“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*