

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.

VINEYARD:	Spencer Vineyard
WINEMAKER:	Thomas Rivers Brown
VARIETAL:	92% Cabernet, 8% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION:	Dry Creek Valley Sonoma County
RELEASE DATE:	February 12, 2019
HARVEST DATE:	October 10, 2016
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PRODUCTION:	572 cases



2016 SPENCER VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage Notes

Our fourth vintage from the Spencer Cabernet vineyard certainly does not disappoint. The blend is the same as years past (92% Cabernet/8% Petit Verdot) and this wine just continues to excite us. Loaded with blue and black fruits, this wine has the acid lift that just screams well marbled red meat! Out of the three wines, this one seems to need the most air so a healthy decant will only help peel back the layers that is Spencer Cabernet.

“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*