

KIVELSTADT CELLARS FATHER'S WATCH RED BLEND



Grenache, Carignane and Syrah from the Venturi Vineyard in Mendocino. Wine to drink with friends. Richness on the attack, yet finishes brightly thanks to the acid profile of the Grenache and Carignane. There is a fantastic balance of fruit and earth. Due to its California roots this wine's fruit enlivens the entire drinking experience. Distinct, high-toned red fruit, dried herbs and spices. Organic.

Venturi Vineyard is located just north of Ukiah, in the Calpella Valley, on predominantly Pinole gravelly loam soils. Pinole soils are some of the most sought-after soil types in Mendocino County. Highly deficient in organic matter, the moderately acidic soil pH allows for optimal nutrient uptake to allow the vines to thrive dry farmed. This 70 year-old vineyard is still amazingly healthy and productive. The vineyard is Certified Organic and dry farmed (never irrigated). Grape varieties were picked and fermented separately & fermented with ambient yeast in order to preserve the characteristics of the vineyard. 1/3 of the grape clusters are added to the tank whole while 2/3 are destemmed and put into the tank without grape stems. Fermentations were pumped over minimally in order to wet the cap. The idea is to gently extract flavor and tannin. This brings a combination of high-toned flavor and rich aroma brought on by whole clusters in the ferments. 22 months of aging in neutral French oak helps bring the multiple sides of this blend into harmony.

Jordan Kivelstadt founded Kivelstadt Cellars in 2007 when he made 125 cases of Syrah from his family's estate in Bennett Valley. Founded on the love of sustainable California vineyards, heritage vines & the knowledge that unique varietals have so much value. They source about 11% of our grapes from estate vineyards, while the rest is sourced from incredible partnering, unique, historic, organic vineyards that span throughout Northern California. Minimal intervention in the winery allows the vineyards to speak for themselves & express their individual personalities & terroir. They strive to make no additions, use only native fermentations & limit new oak to showcase the beauty created by the vine. They pride themselves on making products that are individual & unique, while maintaining prices that make wines accessible to everyone.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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