

KIVELSTADT CELLARS FAMILY SECRET SAUVIGNON BLANC



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The Lyon Vineyard team believes that in order to become successful grape growers, we must first create a healthy native ecosystem for our vineyards. Lyon Vineyard is the largest biodynamically farmed contiguous vineyard in Alexander Valley.

The vineyard incorporates cover crops, bee gardens, husbandry, and limited water usage. The old vine Sauvignon Blanc was planted in 1975 on clay loam soil. These old vines have power! The wine is fermented entirely using native yeast.

There were no additions made to the wine that alter the naturally occurring juice chemistry. Half of the pressed-juice is fermented in neutral French oak barrels, while the other half is fermented in a stainless steel tank. Malolactic Fermentation is allowed to proceed in all of the wine in barrels, after which it spent 6 months sur lie. Malolactic fermentation is not allowed to progress in stainless steel tank. The final composite blend of the two, we achieve a wine that draws the best of both worlds.

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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