

2019 Keep Merlot Sonoma Broadway Farms

Sonoma County, California

Winemakers Jack Roberts (Matthiasson Wines Assistant Winemaker) and Johanna Jensen (formerly with Scholium Project and Broc Cellars) have come together to create wines influenced by the old world with less ripe fruit, minimal manipulation and great ageability. In the vigneron tradition, they do much of the work themselves from vineyard to bottling. The crest on the bottle is of Beverstone Castle, an 11th century Norman stronghold in Gloucestershire, England where Jack's father was born and raised. All that remains of Beverstone today is what you see on our label — the moat and the tall 'keep', (from the middle english kype, or barrel) which was the defenders' last resort in a siege. It was also where they stored their most precious possessions, especially their wine.



NOTES & PAIRINGS

From the Organically farmed Sonoma Broadway Farms. This is Keep's first vintage of Merlot from this fantastic site.

Pressed midway through fermenting to lock in the crunchy lean Merlot flavors and then aged for 18 months in barrel to soften the tannins and enliven the fruit. Juicy and medium in body, with terrific balance. Bramble flowers, fresh plum and red currant with a soft tannin finish. Total crowd pleaser and an amazing wine. 400 cases produced

ANALYTICS & PRONUNCIATION

PRODUCER: Keep

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

GRAPE COMPOSITION: 100% Merlot

CLIMATE: Mediterranean-like with mild winters and warm and dry summers

MACERATION & AGING: Aged for 18 months in barrel

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

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