

2017 Keep Syrah Kahn Vineyard

Napa Valley, 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

Our sixth vintage of making wine from the Kahn Vineyard. This hillside vineyard located at the southernmost tip of the Mayacamas range which divides Napa and Sonoma Valley contains a combination of volcanic and valley floor soils giving it tremendous complexity. The cool nights and warm days give this wine perfect balance between ripeness and acid, we farm this vineyard ourselves certified organic. In 2017 we decided to try doing 100% whole cluster and doing gentle pump overs instead of the usual punch downs. Picked at 24 Brix, aged 18 months in neutral oak barrels and then bottle aged for another 18 months. Meaty minerality, bright tannins, full fruit mid palate, long finish.

ANALYTICS & PRONUNCIATION

PRODUCER: Keep
APPELLATION: Napa Valley
VINTAGE: 2017
GRAPE COMPOSITION: 100% Syrah
CLIMATE: Mediterranean-like with mild winters and warm and dry summers
SOILS: Volcanic and valley floor
MACERATION & AGING: 100% whole cluster. Aged 18 months in neutral oak barrels
ALCOHOL: 13.25%

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