

2015

KENWOOD ESTATE VINEYARD MERLOT

Each vintage, our winemaker selects the very best vineyards in Sonoma for our small production Single Vineyard series. Only vineyards with consistent superior quality for each particular varietal will be chosen to ensure that the best fruit is used in each of our wines.

TASTING NOTES

Concentrated aromas of dark and red berries join with aromatic notes of nutmeg, and currant vanilla. Full-bodied, rich flavor with excellent balance and well-structured tannins give way to a long pleasant finish.

FROM THE WINEMAKER

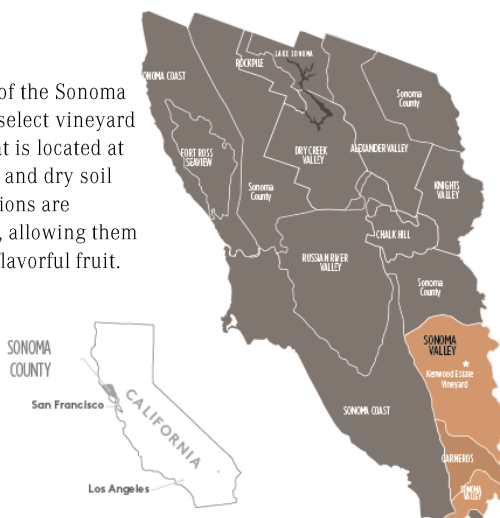
Harvested on September 22nd at 24.8 brix, the fruit was hand harvested and brought to the winery for crushing and destemming before fermenting on the skins. The young wine was then pressed into stainless steel tanks for several months of settling before being placed in small French oak barrels. After 19 months of aging, the best-tasting barrels were separated from the lot and assembled to be bottled as our limited release, Kenwood Estate Vineyard Merlot.

THE VINEYARD

KENWOOD ESTATE VINEYARD

Sonoma Valley AVA - Sonoma County

The Kenwood Estate Vineyard, in the heart of the Sonoma Valley surrounds our winery. To make this select vineyard designate wine, we use the Merlot block that is located at the very top of our property. Here the rocky and dry soil has very low fertility. These growing conditions are difficult for the vines and lowers their yield, allowing them to produce exceptionally concentrated and flavorful fruit.



WINEMAKING DETAILS

Composition:	100% Merlot
Harvest Date:	September 22nd
Harvest Method:	Handpicked
Aging:	French oak barrels for 19 months
Acidity/pH:	6.8 / 3.51
Alcohol:	14.7%
Production:	406 cases
Bottled:	August 2017

VINEYARD DETAILS

Region:	Sonoma Valley
Altitude:	555'
Latitude:	38° 25' 00.87"
Longitude:	122° 32' 32.08"
Planted Block Area:	23.70 acres
Rootstock:	420 A
Clone:	6
Soil:	Los Robles gravelly loam/deep soil lower block, rocky soil upper block



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