

THE ARTIST

Dave Kinsey was born in Pittsburgh in 1971, attending the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and the Art Institute of Atlanta before moving to California in 1994 to pursue a career as a designer and fine artist. His work attempts to capture the universal essence of the human condition mainly through a symbolic portrayal of contemporary life. Utilizing a range of mediums, he constructs multi-layered, textured environments that echo the complexities of our existence. Kinsey founded BLK/MRKT design studio in 1996 and BLK/MRKT Gallery (now Kinsey/DesForges) in 2001, allowing him to provide a crossroads for a new movement of emerging iconoclasts. Kenwood Vineyards commissioned Dave Kinsey's "Kenwood Rose" for its 2007 Artist Series label.

WINE PROFILE

Composition:

93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec, 3% Merlot

Appellation: Sonoma County

Aging: 28 months in 82% French oak and 18% American oak barrels

Acid/pH: 6.7 g/L / 3.72

Alcohol: 14.5%

Production: 1,740 cases

Bottled: June 2010



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KENWOOD VINEYARDS 2007 SONOMA COUNTY ARTIST SERIES



WINE DESCRIPTION

The 2007 Artist Series exhibits the complexity and concentration of flavors that the wine has become famous for. Its bouquet has intense aromas of cassis, fig and plum followed by complex notes of vanilla, forest floor, and a "dusty" quality that is often found in fine Cabernet Sauvignons. Full bodied with excellent mouthfeel and rich, well-structured tannins that give way to a lasting finish. Delicious now, this wine will continue to improve for at least a decade.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2007 vintage marks the 33rd release of the Artist Series Cabernet Sauvignon from Kenwood Vineyards. The 2007 growing season was marked by a mild spring followed by a warm and dry summer. We harvested our Artist Series grapes at the peak of ripeness as the weather began to cool in October. The grapes were gently crushed and fermented in stainless steel tanks at moderate temperatures, with careful attention to flavor and tannin development. The finished wines were then settled for clarity and racked off their lees into a careful selection of barrels. After 28 months of oak aging, the very best lots were identified with regard to flavor, balance and ageability, and blended to create this memorable wine. After bottling, the Artist Series Cabernet Sauvignon received an additional year and a half of aging before being released.

Each year since the 1975 vintage, our winemakers taste individual barrels of our finest lots of Cabernet Sauvignon at the end of aging and select only the best to become part of the Artist Series blend. The result is a true "reserve" wine that represents less than 2 percent of our Cabernet Sauvignon production.