

KINSELLA ESTATES

Kinsella Estates is an organically farmed vineyard situated in a private valley in the foothills of the western edge of Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley. Elevated 500 feet above the Russian River, the valley enjoys a warm climate that virtually never sees winter frost. The hills even harbor occasional citrus trees. The East-West running valley is planted with 12 acres of cabernet sauvignon vines on the steep eastern hillsides composed of loamy, metamorphic soil. The valley drains a large watershed where a winter stream rapidly fills up Spencer Lake which provides irrigation water in summer.

The Kinsella Estates vineyard is composed of three blocks: The Heirloom Vineyard, a steep-sloping two acre, 21 year old parcel, wedged in between an arroyo and a knoll of Spanish oaks; the six acre Jersey Boys Vineyard and the four acre lakeside Spencer Vineyard. The arroyo that runs between Jersey Boys and Spencer vineyards feeds the lake, with winter rains. In the summer of 2008, the latter two blocks were ripped out and replanted with four different clones of cabernet sauvignon, handpicked by our winemaker, Thomas Rivers Brown. Also, two thirds of an acre of Wente clone zinfandel was planted, as well as eight rows of petit verdot. All Kinsella Estates wines are produced from organically grown grapes, grown without pesticides or herbicides.

VINEYARD:	Spencer Vineyard
WINEMAKER:	Thomas Rivers Brown
VARIETAL:	92% Cabernet, 8% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION:	Dry Creek Valley Sonoma County
RELEASE DATE:	February 12, 2020
HARVEST DATE:	October 20, 2017
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PRODUCTION:	508 cases



2017 SPENCER VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage Notes

Our 5th vintage from the Spencer Vineyard and we couldn't be happier. The freshness and acidity of the six rows of petite verdot really jumps off the page in this vintage. That, coupled with graphite, blue fruits, and well-integrated tannins makes for a delicious wine that way over delivers at this price point and production level.

"This estate remains somewhat under the radar, but the high quality emanating from their vineyards in Dry Creek merits serious attention."

– Robert M. Parker, *The Wine Advocate*