

Kuleto

ESTATE

NOTE *from* THE WINEMAKER

Here in the Napa Valley we are greatly looking forward to springtime and sunshine. It has been a long and cool winter, with enough rainfall to put us well over the average for the year. In late February, we experienced a heavy rainstorm, which caused major flooding in areas on the valley floor near the Napa and Russian Rivers. This left many wondering, will the flooding affect the vineyards or the 2019 vintage? The answer is no, during dormancy the vines gladly welcome the rain!

Not only is the rainfall a welcome change after the years of draught in California, it is also greatly needed to refill reservoirs and underground water tables that are used to irrigate the vines in the dry summer months. With that said, heavy rainfall can also bring forth issues of fallen trees and landslides, which we did experience here on our Kuleto Estate – thankfully non-threatening to our winery or vineyards.

In addition to cleaning up after the recent storms, our vineyard team has finished the winter pruning and now we await bud break, which marks the start of the 2019 growing season. In the cellar, we are preparing our 2017 red wines for bottling, as well as our new 2018 Moscato and 2018 Rosato. We can't wait to share these with our members this summer!

This month you are receiving three wines that beautifully showcase the terroir of our estate. Our 2015 Homestead Chardonnay is bright with a rich mouthfeel and pairs wonderfully with full flavored foods such as roast chicken or barbequed salmon. Also in your shipment is our 2014 Estate Cabernet and newly released 2016 'The Point' Cabernet Sauvignon. These Cabernet's are bold, concentrated and rugged; reminiscent of the rocky soils they hail from. Either of these will complement a hearty dish such as roast leg of lamb or a grilled ribeye steak.

I hope you enjoy these selections and the warmer weather to come!

Cheers,
John Clews, Winemaker



KULETO 2015 "HOMESTEAD" CHARDONNAY
NAPA VALLEY

Vintage 2015 gave us yet another beautiful harvest in the Napa Valley. This year in particular was marked by a few late-season heat spells that created opulent fruit with great concentration. The heat helps to completely ripen the grapes and bring out the tremendous fruit flavors and textural depth. This wine is remarkable with its simultaneous attack of flavor and structure as soon as it hits your palate. It is both intensely fresh and immensely satisfying with each sip.

Composition: 100% Chardonnay
Aging: 14 months in French oak, 20% new
Pricing: Retail: \$45.00 | Club: \$36.00 | Reorder: \$31.50



KULETO 2014 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

The 2014 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon exudes fresh blackberry, candied fruits, and sweet high-toned herbs in the nose. I cannot remember a more aromatic expression of the estate. The oak treatment supports but doesn't overwhelm the flavors and provides a nice lengthy backbone through the wine. It has a juiciness that is consistent with the fruit flavors and tremendous focus. This is a wine to enjoy over many years to come.

Composition: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 3% Syrah, 2% Malbec
Aging: 20 months in French oak, 40% new
Pricing: Retail: \$60.00 | Club: \$48.00 | Reorder: \$42.00



KULETO 2016 "THE POINT" CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

Everything about the 2016 "The Point" Cabernet evokes the shimmering hot summer days up here on the mountain. There is something "melted" about this wine. The color is like reddish black tar. The leading aroma is dominated by melted black and red licorice candy smells followed up by super-ripe or sunbaked blackberries. The oak contributes a vanilla extract headiness to the fruit and spice. This wine is the perfect cold weather sipping wine!

Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah and 4% Alicante Bouschet
Aging: 18 months in 40% new French oak
Pricing: Retail: \$85.00 | Club: \$68.00 | Reorder: \$59.50



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