

Kuleto

ESTATE

2021 ESTATE ROUSSANNE

NAPA VALLEY

Kuleto is one of the most complex and diverse wine producing properties in the world. Located in the volcanic mountains of eastern Napa our estate features vines perched along ridges and clinging to steep hillsides. Our soils, exposures, elevation changes and sub-climates are so complex that we've delineated our property into dozens of micro-blocks. Each of these tiny plots is treated as an individual vineyard with varieties, clones, rootstocks, density, trellising and farming methods tailored specifically to the site.

For winemaker Giovanni Verdejo, there is a mutual understanding that all but a small percentage of the winemaker's work is done in the vineyard. Keeping the vineyard's serpentine twists and exposures in mind, the best-suited varieties for each block have been selected. Working with the land, not against it, the individually terraced lots are not oriented to one central direction, but instead are planted to maximize the benefits of their natural location.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2021 was a near perfect growing season with no heat waves. A light rainy season in January and February brought an early budbreak and bloom. Veraison also made an early appearance due to the second straight drought, which prompted harvest to begin earlier in the season; resulting in small berry sizes and intense flavors. The moderate weather allowed for an ample amount of time to make picking decisions, and the fruit was collected before the late-October rains.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Roussanne is the first vintage bottling of its kind from Kuleto Estate. Tropical fruit aromas of ripe melon and cantaloupe greet the nose, complemented with floral notes of rose pedal and honeysuckle. The palate offers juicy flavors of pineapple and melon that concludes with a rich and creamy long finish with balanced acidity.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition: 100% Roussanne

Aging: 8 months in neutral French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.34 | TA: 5.4 g/L | Cases Produced: 107