

2009 Sonoma County
Cuvée Keltie Syrah

What a vintage for Donelan Wines, and as a result what a vintage for Cuvée Keltie. The 2009 Keltie is a big wine without being exhausting, full of flavor without being contrived with over ripeness. Loaded with aromas that evoke smoked herbs such as lavender and fennel, there are also notes of blackberry, cherry, licorice, and hints of black pepper. Even with all that, the best thing about this wine is its ability to be at once weighty, textured, and rich while retaining suppleness, structure, length, and hints of minerality. This wine is beautiful, masculine, and should age very well. Enjoy while it lasts.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

The 2009 represents a barrel selection of specific subsections of Obsidian, Richards, Kobler, Windsor Oaks, and Walker Vine Hill Vineyards.

Harvest Dates

September 7 - October 10, 2009

Cellar Notes:

Winemaking

Fermented 100% whole cluster and aged for 24 months in used French oak the best candidate barrels for making a superb, austere, traditional example of Syrah are then selected and blended together.

Percentage New Oak

0%

Composition

100% Syrah

Barrel Aging

24 months

Alcohol

13.9%

Bottling Date

September 8, 2011

Production

288 cases



Wine Advocate: 98+ pts