

## 2010 Sonoma County *Cuvée Keltie Syrah*

The Cuvée Keltie is a result of discerning selection! The best vineyard parcels combined with the best barrels of those vineyards results in Cuvée Keltie. The 2010 growing season was all over the place. It was mostly chilly with a late and powerful heat spike, followed by early rains. High acidities and fresh fruit tones, a consequence of the unusually cool season, make this vintage especially compelling—and drinkable. In a blind tasting, you'd never know this Syrah was more than 10 years old. There's so much energy and vibrance in the 2010 Keltie, and it will be great for another 5-7 years. The nose opens with the aromas of cherry cheesecake, tea nettle, and pine needles. The palate has more red fruit, but is also more savory with mouth-watering white pepper, grilled prosciutto, sandalwood, and licorice. 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 was an intense and exotic star from the very beginning.

### Vineyard Notes:

#### Location

The 2010 represents a barrel selection of specific subsections of Obsidian, Richards, Kobler, Windsor Oaks, and Walker Vine Hill Vineyards.

#### Harvest Dates

October 15 - 27, 2010

### Cellar Notes:

#### Winemaking

Fermented 100% whole cluster and aged for 24 months in used French oak. The 2010 is a big wine mixing rich sexy textures with structure and freshness.

#### Percentage New Oak

0%

#### Composition

100% Syrah

#### Barrel Aging

24 months

#### Alcohol

14.5%

#### Bottling Date

September 14, 2012

#### Production

200 cases

*Rhone Report: 95 pts*

