

2010 Green Valley of Russian River Valley
Kobler Family Vineyard Syrah

Aged an uncharacteristic 24 months in French oak (0% new oak), the 2010 Kobler has an aroma you'd follow anywhere. It's super heady with an undercurrent of delicious mesquite, dusty dry straw, and sweet muddled raspberries. This vintage is more lithe than the '08 or '09. The palate is loyal to the red and savory nose with complimentary red cherry and gamey Rhône flavors like whisky pepper steak. With moderate tannin, this 97% Syrah with a touch of Viognier possesses a graceful masculinity.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

Kobler Family Vineyard is located on a slightly elevated ridge along the eastern border of Green Valley in the Russian River Valley, and its distinguishing climatic influences are cool temperatures, fog, and afternoon breezes. The Syrah and Viognier vines find footing in free draining Gold Ridge Loam and are grown organically (the Viognier is also dry formed).

Harvest Dates

October 27, 2010

Cellar Notes:

Winemaking

With less Viognier than 2009 and 2008, the 2010 is 97% Syrah fermented with 40% whole cluster (a significant reduction from previous vintages to draw out the fruit of such a cool year).

Percentage New Oak

0%

Barrel Aging

24 months

Bottling Date

March 29, 2013

Composition

Syrah (touch of Viognier)

Alcohol

12.8%

Production

200 cases



Rhone Report: 92 pts