

2008 Syrah

KALEN'S BIG
BOY BLEND
Sonoma County

Label Artist:
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Tasting Notes | Not since '04 has the "Big" in Kalen's "Big Boy" Blend been quite so appropriate. But like our '08 Dry Stack Vineyard bottling, this vintage benefits from our greater experience handling the grape to create a wine of balance despite its impressive heft. We've also introduced another vineyard to the blend that raises the wine to a whole new level. (More details on the new vineyard in the coming year.)

Rich, deep purple in color; an exuberant nose offers up enticing blueberry, black cherry, sage and Syrah's trademark peppery note. Then blackberry, cola, cherry, cinnamon and more pepper flood the palate. A complete wine on every level, weighty yet fresh and vibrant, with firm tannins and a long, persistent finish. Pleasant with a vigorous 3-4 hour decanting now, we highly recommend 1.5 to 3 years of cellar time if you can find the patience.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: 2012 to 2015
Graceful ageability: 2016+

Analysis | pH: 3.84
TA: 5.9 g/L
Alcohol: 15.3%
Bottling Date: March 19, 2010
Pre-Release: Fall 2010
Retail Release: Spring 2011
Total Produced: 213 cases

Philosophy | *We prefer to follow the grapes' lead and offer gentle care as the wine emerges from the juice. If a wine asks for help, we provide it. If a wine is happy on its own, we simply let it be and celebrate its unique evolution.*