



2009 Syrah

KALEN'S BIG
BOY BLEND
Sonoma County

Label Artist:
John Fellows



Tasting Notes | A blend of Syrah Noir from Ray Teldeschi's Dry Creek Valley ranch (the starting point for many Kalen's blends over the years), and the Alban 1 and 470 Syrah clones from Greywacke Vineyard high on a hill in the Russian River Valley. The ripe, lush fruit from Dry Creek combines with the spicy, smoky, gamey and layered Greywacke blocks to produce a Kalen's of impressive stature while showcasing both structure and refinement.

Inky purple in color, with a dark, brooding nose of blueberry, black cherry compote, and a touch of crème brûlée. The palate shows equally dark fruit, lifted by notes of white pepper and graphite. Broad and lush, yet with excellent acidity and tannin, this edition of Kalen's has all the richness of our best vintages, embellished by a new level of depth and complexity. A young, tight, big Syrah at pre-release, we recommend aging into late 2012 – at least! – before opening your first bottle, and predict the wine will enter its peak drinking window during the second half of 2013 or later.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: late 2013 to 2016
Graceful ageability: 2018+

Analysis | pH: 3.79
TA: 5.6 g/L
Alcohol: 15.1%
Bottling Date: April 15, 2011
Pre-Release: Fall 2011
Retail Release: Spring 2012
Total Produced: 220 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.*