

KALEN'S BIG BOY BLEND
SYRAH
 SONOMA COUNTY

LABEL ARTIST:
 Rik Catlow



Beginning with Ray Teldeschi's Dry Creek Valley ranch and Greywacke Vineyard in the Russian River Valley, our 2010 Kalen's includes 12.5% Las Madres Carneros syrah and another 12.5% Steiner syrah from the Bennett Valley side of Sonoma Mountain. These diverse and distinct components join together to create a wonderfully complete and simply delicious Big Boy Blend.

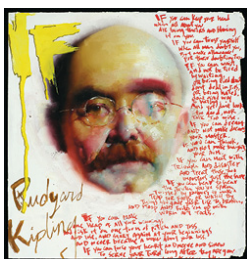
Like Big Boys of yore, this incredibly dark wine leads with a nose of blackberry, black cherry, boysenberry and peppery spice, complemented by hints of graphite, black licorice and vanilla. Expressive flavors of blackberry, dark cherry and black plum start the palate off, leading to notes of cinnamon, smoked meat and baking spices to round out the finish. Rich and full, yet balanced, with a complexity and structure that harken back to the '06 vintage. We expect the wine to open up nicely by mid-to-late 2013 and drink wonderfully for years to come.

DRINKING WINDOWS: Prime drinking: late 2013 to 2017
 Graceful ageability: 2018+

STATS: pH: 3.78 | TA: 5.7 g/L | Alcohol: 14.6%
 Bottling: April 24, 2012 | Release: Fall 2012
 Cases Produced: 191

LAS MADRES VINEYARD
SYRAH
 CARNEROS

LABEL ARTIST:
 Akira Beard



A new addition to the EK family, we are thrilled to offer this incredibly seductive example of cool-climate syrah from the Sonoma side of Carneros. Las Madres Vineyard is planted half to clone 174 and half to the lesser-known 300 clone. Fermented with 60% whole clusters and only 20% new French oak, the finished wine offers a stellar example of why unique sites merit vineyard designation.

Deep purple in color, wonderfully exotic aromas of olive tapenade, lavender, blueberry, game, savory herbs and white pepper rush to greet you before the glass reaches your nose. The palate unfolds to showcase blueberry, currant, plum, smoked sausage, coffee, leather, iron and crushed rock. The aromas alone are intoxicating and every sniff and sip reveal something new. A syrah lover's wine geeky treasure, refined tannins provide structure and will reward a bit of cellar time. Medium-bodied, both rich and balanced with tremendous poise, we couldn't be happier to start out with the 2010 vintage.

DRINKING WINDOWS: Prime drinking: late 2013 to 2018
 Graceful ageability: 2020+

STATS: pH: 3.93 | TA: 5.6 g/L | Alcohol: 14.1%
 Bottling: April 24, 2012 | Release: Fall 2012
 Cases Produced: 121