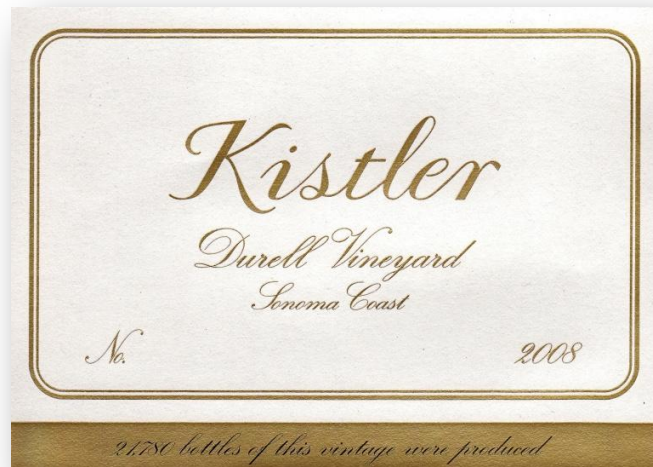


Kistler Vineyards



2008 DURELL VINEYARD – SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY

Durell Vineyard lies at the southwestern end of Sonoma Valley, near the Carneros appellation. Only 10 miles away, the San Pablo Bay provides reliable cooling breezes most afternoons throughout the growing season. These breezes and the frequent fogs that spill over the hills from the west keep the vineyard cool and allow the slow ripening that results in full yet finely-flavored Chardonnay. The soil is very shallow, which stresses the vines and produces a particularly intensely flavored wine. In 1993 the original owner, Ed Durell and vineyard manager Steve Hill planted some particularly well-sited new vineyard sections especially for Kistler Vineyards in an undeveloped part of the property. These sites consist of well-drained, west facing hillside. Our 1994 planting propagates a shy-bearing California Heritage clone of Chardonnay which we have planted at all of our Chardonnay vineyards. This clone, has done very well in these varied locations, producing its signature small bunches of very flavorful, small berries at production levels of 2½ to 3½ tons per acre. This is the selection of chardonnay that we now use for all our new plantings. In 1998 the property was sold to Bill Price who continues to work closely with us in producing the finest chardonnay possible from this excellent site.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay
Whole cluster pressed
100% indigenous yeast fermentation in barrel
100% malolactic fermentation in barrel
10 months in 50% new French oak barrels, 50% one year old barrels
Bottled without filtration or fining Nov 12, 2009.
Alcohol 14.1%
Release Date: March 2011

Tasting Notes:

Pale yellow. Tight, sharply focused aromas of crushed rock and roasted grains. Conveys a strong impression of site character. The palate offers outstanding drive and energy, and finishes with a spicy persistence and precision.

Press:

Subtle smoke, orange marmalade, quince, white peach and brioche aromas emerge from the light gold-hued 2008 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard. This cuvee is made in a medium to full-bodied, slightly restrained, tighter style than the Dutton Ranch or the McCrea Vineyard, but it reveals considerable potential. 93 Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*, #193 Feb. 2011

Availability:

The 2008 Kistler Durell Vineyard Chardonnay is available directly from the winery, or at select restaurants around the world. For more information, please visit www.kistlervineyards.com