

The Vineyardist

Cabernet Sauvignon The Vineyardist



Hand-sorted, 5 day cold soak, open top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeast. The Vineyardist is made entirely from estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon grapes located in the Diamond Mountain AVA between elevations of 800 and 1,300 feet. Harvested at yields close to one ton per acre under perfect conditions, this wine was barrel aged for 21 months in 100% new French oak.

In 2000, after a decade-long search, the husband and wife team of Dirk Fulton & Becky Kukkola, acquired the Estate. Mark Herold was recruited as winemaker to lead the wine program, tasked with the creation of a singular wine expressing the power and elegance of the Estate's historic terroir. Jim Barbour is the vineyard developer and Phil Coturri is the vineyard manager. The first vintages were declassified, allowing quality to reach near perfection prior to our first commercial release of the 2009 vintage (in 2012).

Grape varieties : Cabernet Sauvignon, clones 7, 337, 169, 33 & 412, farmed organically and sustainably

Altitude : 800 -1300 feet on Diamond Mountain

Vineyard age : 15 years old

Grape yield : 1.5 - 2 tons per acre

Exposure : Steep hillsides facing south & southeast

Soil : 18-24 inches of gravelly loam over fractured volcanic bedrock

Alcohol : 15.1%

Tasting notes :

A super seductive and complex array of aromas including exotic mountain berries, boysenberry, black raspberries, cocoa, scorched earth, graphite, minerals and wildflowers. Hints of crushed rocks, tea box, licorice, dark chocolate and clove fill out this intensely fragrant landscape. The mouth is otherworldly with lush, sweet, ripe fruit flavors, seamlessly concentrated, rich rounded tannins, and a lovely lingering finish. While delicious now, the Vineyardist should drink effortlessly over the next 20 years or more.

Press Notes

The Wine Advocate

2015	96-100 points
2014	96 points
2013	98 points
2012	96 points

Wine Spectator

2012	93 points
2009	92 points

AG Vinous

2015	93-96 points
2014	95+ points
2013	97+ points
2012	96 points

