

PAUL HOBBS

2011 SYRAH KICK RANCH VINEYARD SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD

- Owners: Richard & Katherine Keenan
- Appellation: Sonoma County
- Clonal Selections: Hermitage, 470
- Planted: 2001
- Site: Southern exposure; gravelly clay loam, exposed red volcanic soil on hillside
- Yield: 1.9 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 24
- Harvest Brix: 25.6°
- Growing Season: 2011 began with a rainy winter and spring across Sonoma and Napa Counties. Summer was cooler than average but as harvest approached temperatures rose. Our syrah ripened fully and evenly, allowing sugars and acid to develop in balance. The wines from 2011 are bright, expressive and faceted.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 22 days total maceration
- Hand-punched cap
- Direct to press; 6% whole cluster
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in Francois Frères and Damy French oak barrels; 57% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled April 2013

NOTES

- Violet ruby in hue, the Kick Ranch Syrah is boldly seductive. An extraordinary perfume of vibrant violets, camphor and earth entice the nose, followed by a structured palate bursting with juicy black plum, sweet tobacco and leather. Full bodied with great richness, the mid-palate gives way to chewy, meaty tannins that linger to create a heady, long finish. Alcohol 14.5%