

2018 Keep Field Blend Vanderkous Vineyard

Contra Costa, California

Winemakers Jack Roberts (Matthiasson Wines Assistant Winemaker) and Johanna Jensen (formerly with Scholium Project and Broc Cellars) have come together to create wines influenced by the old world with less ripe fruit, minimal manipulation and great ageability. In the vigneron tradition, they do much of the work themselves from vineyard to bottling. The crest on the bottle is of Beverstone Castle, an 11th century Norman stronghold in Gloucestershire, England where Jack's father was born and raised. All that remains of Beverstone today is what you see on our label — the moat and the tall 'keep', (from the middle english kype, or barrel) which was the defenders' last resort in a siege. It was also where they stored their most precious possessions, especially their wine.



NOTES & PAIRINGS

Our first release of this wine! We call this Vineyard the Volcano as it was planted on its own distinct peak (Solitude Peak) amongst the rolling Contra Costa Hills. Dick & Mary Lou Vanderkous planted this extraordinary Vineyard over 20 years ago surrounding their home estate. They decided to plant the grapes they loved to drink. The majority of the Vineyard is planted to Sangiovese and Merlot with a few rows of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah to add some backbone to the Field Blend. Medium bodied with a subtle peppery note from the Sangiovese throughout a soft fruit mid palate.

ANALYTICS & PRONUNCIATION

PRODUCER: Keep
APPELLATION: Contra Costa
VINTAGE: 2018
GRAPE COMPOSITION: 45% Merlot, 35% Sangiovese, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Syrah
CLIMATE: Mediterranean-like with mild winters and warm and dry summers
ALCOHOL: 13.25%

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