

Keplinger



Keplinger strives to create seamlessly-crafted, terroir-driven, Rhone varietal wines from diverse sites in Napa, Sonoma & Sierra Foothills. All the vineyards are hillside or mountain sites, carefully farmed for small berries and concentrated flavors, in close collaboration with Helen. The wines are made in small lots, with careful attention paid to every detail. Keplinger constantly strives to make unique wines that are expressions of their vineyards and vintages. Today, production of nine boutique cuvees totals 1,600 cases, and a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from Oakville Ranch Vineyard, Oakville AVA has been added to the line up.



2017
Cabernet Sauvignon
Oakville Ranch Vineyard

VARIETAL: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION: Oakville
PRODUCTION: 300 Cases
ALCOHOL: 14.6%
AGING: 22 months in 100% French oak barrels

97 Points - "A primary beast of a wine, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Ranch Vineyard comes from a great vineyard in Oakville. Offering full-bodied richness and an elegant, layered mouthfeel, it has a wonderful bouquet of blue fruits, graphite, crushed rocks, and integrated oak. It has the more elegant style of the 2017 vintage, but it certainly doesn't come up short on concentration, richness, or length. The vintage doesn't get much better." - Jeb Dunnuck

94 Points - "Ripe, fresh and very inviting, with crushed plum and blackberry notes leading the way, showing streaks of singed vanilla, sweet bay leaf and menthol. The ample grip is very fine-grained, melding nicely with the fruit through the finish. Drink now through 2034." - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator



2019
LITHIC
Shake Ridge Vineyard

VARIETAL: 38% Grenache, 36% Mourvedre, 25% Syrah
APPELLATION: El Dorado, Sierra Foothills
PRODUCTION: 250 Cases
ALCOHOL: 14.9%
AGING: 18 months in 100% French oak barrels, 30% new oak

The 2019 Lithic is deeply perfumed, with heady aromatics of lavender, boysenberry, strawberries, orange blossom, Darjeeling tea, leather, rose petal, and baking spices. The gorgeous, silky entry opens to delicious flavors of red and purple fruits, clove, potpourri, cinnamon stick, which persistent to the ethereal, long finish.



2019
SUMŌ
Shake Ridge Vineyard

VARIETAL: 83% Petite Syrah, 11% Syrah, 6% Viognier
APPELLATION: Amador
PRODUCTION: 285 Cases
ALCOHOL: 14.8%
AGING: 18 months in 100% French oak barrels, 60% new oak

The 2019 Sumo has a deep, dark nose of brambly blackberry, blueberry jam, black licorice, black cherry stones, violets, cassis bud, cedar, and a hint of white pepper. The palate has a silky entry with seamless, velvet-textured tannins throughout to the finish, subtly framing the blue and black fruit, asphalt, cherry blossom, dried herb and spice flavors on the palate.