



## 2008 Kelleher "Brix Vineyard" Cabernet Sauvignon

VARIETAL 100% Cabernet Savignon

APPELLATION Oakville

VINEYARD DESIGNATION Brix Vineyard

HARVEST DATE 10/30/08

**BOTTLING DATE** 12/14/10

RELEASE DATE 11/15/12

VINEYARD NOTES 5.2 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon clone 7

4.1 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon clone 337

(Replanted in Spring 2010)

AGING 28 months in French Oak

50% New and 50% Once Used

ALCOHOL 15%

CASES PRODUCED 275

WINEMAKER Craig Becker

Our 2008 Kelleher Cabernet Sauvignon is a rich well-balanced wine. Look for a deep red-black color with bright fruit forward aromas of raspberry, Bing Cherry and a hint of spice from the French Oak barrels. One the palate this wine is rich and concentrated with firm balanced tannins. The aromatics are persistent on the palate with balanced acidity. Our vineyard is located on the southern border of the Oakville Appellation and has gained a reputation for producing wines that are fruit forward yet suitable for ageing.

**TASTING NOTES** 

The grapes are handpicked from our vineyard at full maturity, when the tannins are fully developed. The fruit was hand-sorted both in the vineyard and at the winery. The grapes were cold-soaked in stainless steel tanks and the fermented with wild yeasts. During fermentation, the tanks were pumped over twice per day until dry. Once fermentation is complete, the wine was warmed up to 100 degrees and pumped over once per day for five days, then the tank was drained over night. The wine was aged for 24 months in half new French oak barrels and half once-filled French oak. The wine was lightly fined with 1 egg white per barrel.

