

KENZO ESTATE



Kenzo Estate

2021 Mid-Harvest Estate Field Report

Date of First Pick: 9.7.21 - Malbec for yui rosé

Currently Picking: 10.12.21 Cabernet Sauvignon (21 tons)

Expected Last Pick: approx. 10.31.21

Remaining Picking: more Cabernet! Merlot, and Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot. Cabernet is the most-planted varietal on the Estate. All picking should be complete near the end of October. Although some of the wineries in Napa Valley to the north, and on the Valley floor may have already finished picking, KE still has lots of acres left. Our elevation, at about 1500 feet on Mt George in the southeast corner of Napa, means our overall temps are cooler, so our fruit takes longer to ripen, and our harvest lasts longer than other vineyards in the Napa Valley.

Volume: Overall, harvest volume for white grapes, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, for asatsuyu, muku and sei, is slightly less than the bounty culled from the two previous years, and we expect to have a smaller bottling. However, red varieties this year are healthy and higher in volume. With the year's limited precipitation in 2021, the long hang time lends to good ripeness, and smaller berries mean that the ratio of skin and seed to juice should lend to a more concentrated flavor and the final product is much anticipated. Look for 2021 reds to release in 2023.

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