

Dancing Crow Cabernet Kelsy's Bench

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Lake County

APPELLATION: Kelsy Bench

CEPAGE: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKING: Harvest was a mixture of nighttime hand picking along with some machine harvesting. The grapes were picked at night to preserve freshness, while utilizing a relatively cool fermentation to boost the floral and bright red fruit traits. We conducted ML with French and Hungarian oak to promote integration.

THE STORY

One cool, Spring day in the shadow of Mt. Konocti, a family came to lay out their vineyard using straw to mark the vines. While feasting during their midday lunch they saw a murder of crows dancing around the straw, which made them laugh. Yet, when they looked again, the crows and the straw were gone. The family learned two things that day: be wary of dancing crows, and what to name their vineyard.

PHILOSOPHY: Committed to Lake County. We want to be a leader in pushing the quality level higher. We own and only work with certified sustainable vineyards. We are constantly the earliest pickers and strive to some of the freshest wines around.

BIOGRAPHY: After the sale of Cartlidge and Browne in 2011. Tony was itching to get back into the wine business and in 2014 bought the famous Dancing Crow Vineyard.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Dark & spicy

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Sweet plums and pepper, black plum, all-spice, cassis

MOUTHFEEL: Balanced & refined

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 93pts Wine Enthusiast

