



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2014 LUCERO SYRAH

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Syrah
PRODUCTION	390 cases
ALCOHOL	14%
RELEASE DATE	April 2016
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	13 Months
RATINGS	93 pts, James Suckling 91 pts, Wine Enthusiast

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

Last year I wrote that the Syrah at Kingston Family can sometimes be "moody." That describes the 2014 Lucero quite well. Brooding, actually, is even more fitting.

2014 was an earlier than normal harvest, and fairly warm. While some varieties at Kingston—notably Pinot Noir and Chardonnay—were devastated by a spring frost, the Syrah came through relatively unscathed and benefited from the early warm season. The Lucero is dark and rich, actually bigger than the Bayo and the CJ's this year. It is maybe more "mainstream" than the others in that it delivers straightforward pleasures. Mouthfilling and plush, great for pizza or pasta with red sauce, although it would hold its own against more refined fare, as long as said fare was hearty. It's not shy about its charms.

Right now, it's the rich, plush mouthfeel that is the most alluring to me. Aromatically the 2014 Lucero is more reserved than the Bayo or CJ's, and more about dark, ripe fruits.

As always, Kingston Family Syrah likes a bit of air, so decant or serve it in a big glass and swirl it around a lot. Drink with hearty, flavorful fare.

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

