



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2015 LUCERO SYRAH

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Syrah
PRODUCTION	400 cases
ALCOHOL	14%
RELEASE DATE	March 2017
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	12 Months
RATINGS	92 pts, James Suckling

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.

2015 marked my 13th vintage with Kingston Family Vineyards, and over the years many things have changed. The one constant is the vineyard.

Most of the Syrah vines are closing in on 20 years old, and are starting to express themselves fully. In some ways, the more expressive the fruit the easier it is to make the wine. We've always taken a pretty light touch to our winemaking, and I would say that we definitely work the wine even less than we used to. As the vines mature, it takes less coaxing to get the wines to speak. Less extraction, less oak, less handling. In this case less really is more.

How does that play out in the wine? On the palate, the 2015 Lucero is possibly the most approachable Syrah from Kingston yet. It is plush without being heavy -- completely harmonious. 2015 was a fairly warm, early vintage, so the wine is pretty generous in terms of ripe fruit. Its personality is friendly and open. Dark flavors (blackberry, black olive, roasted meat) are pretty characteristic of our Syrah, but the 2015 also shows a liveliness that is very inviting. Although it goes with the usual Syrah accompaniments, I like it by itself, or with simple bites like cured meats, crusty bread, some good olive oil. I have enjoyed it with salted peanuts. Sounds like a picnic, no?

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

