



2008

The Instigator



APPELLATIONS: Sonoma County

HARVEST DATE:

VINEYARD: 100% Kick Ranch Vineyard, Sonoma County

COMPOSITION: 100% Syrah

ALC: 15.4%

PH: 3.78

TA: .55 g/100ml

CASES PRODUCED: III

CELLAR PRACTICES: All fruit is hand picked, hand sorted, destemmed and crushed with 15% whole cluster into small open top fermentors. Cold soaked for 4 days, inoculated with specially selected yeast isolated from Rockpile AVA and fermented dry. Pressed into 100% French Oak barrels and aged for 19 months.

TASTING NOTES: Dark and dense, the Instigator relentlessly clings to the side of the glass after you swirl. Rich and robust, it delivers a burgeoning yet restrained bouquet of Kirsch liqueur, rustic meat, dried lavender and graphite. 100% Syrah sourced from Kick Ranch in Sonoma Valley concentrated flavors follow suit: Blackberry puree, cassis, and floral notes with a long and sophisticated finish. Give it 2-3 years of cellaring and it should drink well over the next decade

RETAIL PRICE: \$36