

Skeleton Key

Proprietor's Red Blend

24% Kiepersol Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon – Tyler, TX

20% Kiepersol Vineyards Merlot – Tyler, TX

19% Kiepersol Syrah – Tyler, TX

13% Twin Lakes Vineyards Ruby Cabernet – Waelder, TX

11% Alamosa Vineyards Graciano – Bend, TX

8% COMmanche Creek Vineyards Syrah – Bend, TX

2% Madola Vineyard Sangiovese – Driftwood, TX

1% La Pradera Vineyard Petit Verdot – Brownfield, TX

1% Alamosa Vineyard Tempranillo – Bend, TX

1% Alamosa Vineyard Tannat – Bend, TX

Alcohol 13.5% RS 0 pH 3.74

Malic 0.0 TA 6.2

1111 cases produced

Aging- up to 30 months in neutral French Oak (mostly... some aged as short as 6 months; some in different type barrel)

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In 2009, when we were remodeling the old farmhouse, which is now our Hye Society Lounge, we found a skeleton key hanging on a nail. This key opened every door in the house. When making this new wine, Josh and Chris were challenged by this blend in the winery, but the addition of Ruby Cabernet opened the wine up beautifully. Bill thought to name the wine "Skeleton Key." Chris immediately wished that they had held onto that old key; to everyone's surprise – Bill had kept it all these years in the back of his desk drawer.

A rich garnet tint delivers aromas of baked plum, black cherry and pomegranate, lifted at the palate's edges by lighter floral notes. Lush, and nearly opulent with ripeness, its texture is expressive with moderately high tannins exhibiting flavors of roasted coffee and chocolate melting into a mocha-like finish.

