

# Darcie Kent

## VINEYARDS

*Started from her art studio in 1996, Darcie Kent Vineyards produces world-class, vineyard-focused wines from very particular vineyards in the Central Coast of California. 5th generation vintner and artist Darcie Kent paints each label, and runs the winery with her two daughters, Amanda and Kailyn Kent, 6th generation.*



## Syrah, Madden Ranch Vineyard, 2009

**The vintage:** '09 partners bright acidity with ample blueberry, bramble fruits and a bit of earth. The wine's fine, tannic structure and spicy-oak character check it's full mouthfeel. Ready to drink, but also perfect for further aging, as it will continue to develop.

**The winemaking:** The juice fermented at a cool temperature for 12 days with ample skin contact, then gently pressed. The wine was aged in French oak for 15 months, in approximately 40% new barrels.

<b>Appellation</b>	<b>Livermore Valley</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>767</b>
<b>Winemaker</b>	<b>Julian Halasz</b>
<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Spring 2013</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>0.65 g/100mL</b>
<b>At our tasting Room</b>	<b>\$20 a btl</b>
<b>Suggested BTG</b>	<b>\$9-12</b>

**The vineyard:** Atop the steep hillsides near Poppy Ridge at elevations ranging from 800 to 1000 feet, the vineyard tended by Virginia and John Madden is one of the highest vineyards in the Livermore valley. It is so steep that water runs off quickly and the vines struggle to survive and the resulting grapes are both complex and intense, with flavors big and bold. The Syrah grapes grow at the highest elevations of this vineyard.

Darcie's painting of Madden Ranch Vineyard