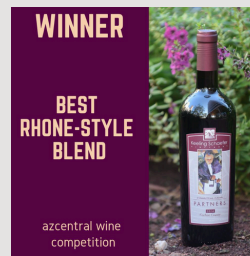


# Awards & Festivals

have been an important part of gaining recognition for the Arizona wine industry on a national level while helping to promote our estate-produced wines to a public unfamiliar with the Willcox grape growing region. We are proud of the ratings we've received from prestigious wine journals and the awards we've won over the years at tasting competitions. We're also grateful for the large wine-loving crowds that attend our Phoenix and Willcox wine festivals each year!

It was great to participate in the 2008 Wall Street Journal sponsored wine competition between Arizona and Illinois, the home states of then presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama, to see which state had the best wine. Our 2006 Three Sisters Syrah was the winner!



The naming of wines along with graphic design for labels is part of the creative process for any vintner. We chose to honor family members with our wine names. Three Sisters Syrah is for Jan's three sisters and Keeling Brothers Shiraz refers to Rod's brother, Rod's dad and his brothers. Schaefer Boys Mourvedre is named for Jan's father and his brothers, known in their youth growing up in Missouri as "those Schaefer Boys". The artwork for the labels is taken from an original watercolor we purchased while still living in Tempe.



# With Gratitude

we acknowledge all those who have helped us on our journey to becoming a success as Arizona estate wine producers.

**Our** three grown children, Cecilia, James & Connie have helped us enormously, working at wine festivals and vineyard events, constantly promoting our wines everywhere they go. Now, we have teenage grandchildren who also love helping out when not in school or working their part time jobs. They are Thomas, Walker, Addy, Ryan & Audrey. Rod's brother Doug Keeling and his wife, Shannon, have been farming commercially for 45 years and have been an invaluable source of knowledge and guidance on farming and equipment. Roger Egan, our trusted friend and his wife Judy, could not have been more generous with their efforts and were instrumental in making our dream of starting a vineyard a reality.

**Other** folks who have been vital to our success include Mike Pigford of Arizona Wine Distributors, and our Wine Club Member friends, Rita & Bill Mueller, who have voluntarily represented KSV at countless festivals and events and took on the thankless task of organizing our very disorganized Wine Library. We also thank our indispensable tasting room and vineyard staff and all the others who've shared their resources and skills to support our business and further the growth of the Arizona wine community.



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As we look to the future, we continue to plant more vines. Rod's brother Doug purchased 40 acres adjacent to us in 2021, giving home to our newest grapes including Durif, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, and Cabernet Sauvignon. For 2026, we have planned several Bordeaux varieties including Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, and Carmenere. All together, Keeling Schaefer Vineyards will have 90 acres of property with 42 acres of grapevines.

It's a great life pursuing our passion as winemakers, surrounded by the beauty of the mountains, the wildlife and quiet country of SE Arizona. We want to thank you for coming to our tasting room today. We hope you enjoy our wines.

**All the Best,  
Rod and Jan**

