

ESTD 1883

WENTE
VINEYARDS

2016 ZINFANDEL

Small Lot



APPELLATION: Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay

VARIETAL CONTENT: 81% Zinfandel, 14% Petite Sirah, 5% Barbera

WINEMAKER: Karl D. Wente

ALCOHOL: 15.1%

pH: 3.61

TA: 0.61g/ 100ml

BARRELS PRODUCED: 26

VINEYARD

Our small lot wine is harvested from carefully selected blocks that are estate grown and sustainably farmed. With an east-west valley orientation, the site gets warm days and cool nights that are influenced by fog and breezes from the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean. The grapes are handpicked and sorted at harvest time in order to ensure premium quality.

FERMENTATION

Each variety was fermented separately in small stainless steel fermenters where they were pumped over 3 times daily to maximize extraction of flavors and colors.

AGING

The wine was aged for 18 months in 100% French oak barrels.

DESCRIPTION

Our 2016 Small Lot Zinfandel is a delightful expression of a Zinfandel with aromatics of dried fig, strawberry jam and dark chocolate. This wine has an herbaceous hint in the finish, making this a beautifully complex wine.

HISTORY

Founded in 1883, Wente Vineyards is the country's oldest continuously operated family-owned winery. Owned and managed today by the Fourth and Fifth Generations of the Wente family, the winery draws from nearly 3,000 acres of sustainably farmed estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

