

# 2009 The N<sup>th</sup> Degree Cabernet Sauvignon



<b>APPELLATION</b>	100% Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay
<b>VARIETAL CONTENT</b>	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 3% Petite Sirah
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Karl D. Wente
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.2%
<b>PH</b>	3.50
<b>TOTAL ACID</b>	0.61 g/100mL
<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	November 2011

**VINEYARD:** Prime Livermore Valley Estate vineyards were selected for the Nth Degree program because of their consistent production of exceptional fruit. The grapes were harvested in the early morning into 1/2 ton bins and handpicked, sorted, and crushed into small stainless steel fermenters.

**WINEMAKING:** Half of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot were each fermented in 1 1/2 ton bins and punched down by hand twice daily. The other half of the Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and all of the Petite Sirah were fermented in small upright stainless steel tanks and pumped over twice daily.

**AGING:** The wine was aged for 22 months in French, American, Eastern European, and neutral oak barrels.

**DESCRIPTION:** Our 2009 vintage offers mouth-filling flavors and bold tannins characteristic of great California Cabernets. It delights with flavors of ripe black cherry, cassis, black tea, coffee and cocoa, and has a rich, well-balanced finish.

**HISTORY:** Founded more than 125 years ago, 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 estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

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